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AMHERST LIBRARY
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AMHERST

NEW HAMPSHIRE

AMHERST TOWN(E) LIBRARY

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The original Library consisting of not more than a dozen volumes was established in 1741 by Rev. Daniel Wilkins, Amherst's first minister.

In 1797 a Library was formed here called "The Social Library" and legally incorporated by the State.

In 1859 the people organized the "Amherst Library Association" which was housed in various places and finally for twenty years was located in the Selectmen's room at the Town Hall.

In 1879 it was taken over by the Town, who through its Selectmen appoints a Board of Trustees and appropriates money for its maintenance.

In 1890 under the leadership of Rev. Josiah G. Davis, D. D. \$2800.00 was raised by popular subscription and work was begun on a new Library building, on the present site known then as "Judge Parke's Garden". The new building was dedicated April 30, 1892, was designed by Means and Gilbert of Boston and built of granite, a tribute to the wisdom and genius of Dr. Davis who may well be called the founder of our present Library.

Fifteen years later it was evident the structure was outgrown and through the generosity of James W. Towne of East Orange, N. J. all desired changes in the Library were made at his expense, provided the Town would vote an additional \$100. per year for its maintenance, which was done in 1909.

These extensive changes which about tripled the available space, modernized and beautified the structure which is our present Library and it is suggested that in referring to the "Town" Library, it be remembered that Mr. James W. "Towne" was the benefactor who made the present structure a reality.

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of the
Town Officers
of
Amherst, N. H.
for the

Year Ending December 31, 1955

Also
Officers of School District
Year Ending June 30, 1955

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TOWN OFFICERS – 1955

Moderator

Harold H. Wilkins, Sr.

Selectmen

James F. Wanless, 1 Year

Allen D. Howard, 2 Years

Lewis F. Sawyer, 3 Years

Treasurer

Catherine A. Kruger

Town Clerk

Catherine A. Kruger

Tax Collector

Hiram R. Elliott (resigned Aug. 1, 1955)

Barbara Landry (appointed Aug. 1, 1955)

Highway Agent

Harold L. Aldrich

Constable

Albert Junkins

Auditors

Orson H. Bragdon

George H. Howard

Supervisors of the Check List

Lilla M. Brown

Hiram R. Elliott (resigned Aug. 1, 1955)

Frank Pearson (appointed Aug. 1, 1955)

George Knight

Sexton of Cemeteries

Clarence H. Hagar

Fire Wards

Frank F. Richardson, Chief

Edwin R. Locke, 1st Assistant

Edward Marchildon, 2nd Assistant

Trustees of Trust Funds

Howard Arnold, 1 Year
Meric G. Arnold, 2 Years
Benjamin G. Bundy, 3 Years

Library Trustees

Rev. Frank M. Weiskel, 1 Year
Elizabeth Hall, Temporary
Henry F. Merrill, 2 Years
Margaret Seamans, 2 Years
Cleaveland Campbell, 3 Years
Margaret Moser, 3 Years

Zoning Officials

Administrative Official:

William C. Vose (resigned June 30, 1955)
Benjamin D. Piper (appointed June 30, 1955)

Board of Adjustment:

Fred Vatcher	1 Year
Arthur L. Underwood	2 Years
John C. Duff	3 Years
J. F. Wanless	4 Years
Hibbert Miles	5 Years

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the
County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified
to vote in Town Affairs:

Polls to open at 1:00 p. m. and Close at 7:00 p. m.

You are hereby notified to meet at Amherst Town Hall in said Amherst on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, next at eight of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
4. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 1½% on 1956 property taxes paid by May 1st, 1956. Any persons paying on their 1956 property tax an amount equal to 80% of their 1955 property tax to be allowed 1½% discount on their 1956 property tax bill if paid in full by December 1st, 1956.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to the Merrimack Valley Region Association as the Town's proportionate share for publicizing and promoting all interests in this region, or act in relation thereto.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 as a contribution to the New Hampshire Marine Memorial Commission for a memorial to be erected at Hampton Beach on which the names of all members of the armed forces in all wars participated in by our country who were lost at sea, and whose bodies were never recovered will be inscribed. All names must be submitted to the Commission not later than April 1st, 1956.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay to Hiram R. Elliott the sum of \$682.30 out of surplus, this amount representing overpayment to the Town Treasurer of funds collected on taxes before his resignation as Tax Collector effective August 1st, 1955. According to the Auditors' report this is the amount that was remitted to the Town Treasurer in error due to Mr. Elliott's illness and disability and which amount was committed to the succeeding Tax Collector as uncollected taxes after all adjustments.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 to be used by the Selectmen to continue the repair and renovation of the Town Hall and to have the Moderator re-appoint the committee, with such changes as are necessary, to work with the Selectmen to determine the work to be done. Your attention is called to the Selectmen's Narrative Report for details regarding the appropriation voted in 1955 under Articles 8, 10 and 12.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,250.00 for the purchase of a Fire Truck to replace our worn out 1931 Chevrolet.

Reasons:

A. The pump is so old and worn it will not pass the State Board of Underwriters' test.

B. The brakes are of the old type and are not safe.

C. The four rear tires are the originals and do not hold air very long; also are not to be trusted with the load they must carry.

D. Our other two pumps are not the type to pump water long distances at high pressure. Therefore, the need for a larger pump. (Submitted by Fire Dept.)

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the necessary funds to: "Have street lights from Katherine Clarkin's to the former George Parks residence on Merrimack Street." (By Petition)

11. To see what action the Town will take in repairing and straightening the curves on the Baboosic road and vote to raise and appropriate money for same. (By Petition.)

12. "To see what action the Town will take in repairing and straightening the curves on the road from Mr. Gleason's mail box to the Merrimack line and vote to raise and appropriate money for same." (By Petition.)

13. To see if the Town will vote to accept a two-way radio to be installed in the automobile of the Town Constable. One-half of the cost to be paid by the Civil Defense Administration and one-half by the special fund now on deposit, raised by the Police Department. No appropriation is necessary and the equipment becomes the property of the Town.

14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the recommendations of the committee, appointed in accordance with Article 17 in the 1955 Warrant, to study and recommend any changes in the Zoning Ordinance.

Any proposed changes to be presented by the committee at Town Meeting.

15. To Transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

J. F. WANLESS,
ALLEN D. HOWARD,
LEWIS F. SAWYER,
Selectmen of Amherst.

BUDGET

**Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956**

Compared with

**Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year Jan. 1, 1955 to Dec. 31, 1955**

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1955	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1955	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1956
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,588.49	\$ 10,000.00
Railroad tax	25.00	27.67	25.00
Savings bank tax	65.00	70.78	65.00
Gas refund		16.83	
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	40.00	28.66	25.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber	3,000.00	3,362.62	3,000.00
For fighting forest fires and training men		163.88	
Refund head tax		3.00	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assist.		131.66	
Bounties	75.50	75.50	162.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	600.00	724.50	700.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	10.00	5.00	5.00
Fines & forfeits, municipal court	50.00	272.60	100.00
Rent of town hall and other buildings	300.00	315.50	175.00
Fisk highway fund	25.00	48.51	50.00
Income from trust funds		150.00	
Income of Departments:			
Insurance refund		3.50	
(a) Highway, incl. rental of equip.		305.40	
Town of Bedford Fire Dept.		41.93	
Greens rental & lot sales		62.00	
Income from Municipally owned Utilities:			
Refund on fire hose		17.60	
Mary B. Upham library fund		5,341.34	
Motor Vehicle permit fees	8,000.00	10,265.15	10,000.00
Gifts—perpetual care		1,030.00	
Sale of town property		722.50	
Amount Raised by Issue of			
Bonds or Notes:			
Tax anticipation note		12,000.00	
From Local Taxes other than			
Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll taxes—regular at \$2	1,500.00	1,498.00	1,500.00
(b) National bank stock taxes	50.00	72.40	70.00
Yield tax	1,000.00	959.22	800.00
Total revenue from all sources		\$48,304.24	

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp'ns Previous Year 1955	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1955	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1956
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 2,120.00	\$ 2,020.00
Town officers' expenses	1,700.00	2,163.90	2,300.00
Election and registration exp.	150.00	129.00	350.00
Municipal court expenses		200.00	200.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	2,200.00	2,331.53	2,400.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	750.00	713.52	750.00
Fire department	3,500.00	3,068.54	3,500.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust and care of trees	1,000.00	1,032.60	1,500.00
Bounties		162.00	
Civil Defense			100.00
Health:			
Health Dept., including hospitals	50.00	28.00	50.00
Vital statistics	75.00	77.25	80.00
Town dump & garbage removal	200.00	200.00	200.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Oiling	7,500.00	6,854.56	7,500.00
Town Maintenance:			
Summer	7,500.00	7,499.30	7,500.00
Winter	6,000.00	5,315.60	6,000.00
Street lighting	2,500.00	2,383.92	2,500.00
Gen. exp. of highway dept.	800.00	792.84	800.00
Town road aid	1,052.31	1,052.31	1,052.11
Libraries:			
Libraries	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	500.00	182.35	500.00
Old Age Assistance	3,000.00	3,157.29	3,200.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	175.00	176.04	175.00
Aid to soldiers & their families	500.00	32.10	500.00
Recreation:			
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	700.00	696.19	700.00
Snow fence	600.00	394.05	500.00
Cemeteries	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Souhegan Nursing Association	200.00	200.00	200.00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp'ns Previous Year 1955	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1955	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1956
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal expenses, including dog damage	100.00	102.00	100.00
Auto permits	600.00	638.50	650.00
Trustees—Trust Funds		1,172.30	
Interest on temporary loans	100.00	113.33	100.00
Int. on long term notes & bonds			250.00
Cash abate.		49.84	
Tax refund		107.80	
Art. 6—Emergency lights	250.00	140.00	
Art. 7—Typewriter & desk	300.00	294.00	
Art. 8—Town hall repairs	2,000.00	1,996.15	
Hydrant rental	1,365.00	1,365.00	1,365.00
Town clock	25.00	25.00	25.00
Town library bequest		5,341.34	
Transfer—Tax Collector's funds		2,688.76	
Precinct tax	6,479.05	5,657.65	5,242.72
Indebtedness:			
Head tax		4,323.00	
Taxes bought by town		2,801.90	
Head tax commission		140.45	
Temporary loan		12,000.00	
Payments to other			
Governmental Divisions:			
County taxes	10,200.00	13,810.03	14,000.00
School taxes	99,239.50	107,596.89	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$204,476.83</u>	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1955

	Approp.	Credits and Reimburse- ments 1955	Total Available 1955	Expended 1955	Unexpended Balance 1955	Over- drafts 1955
Town officers' salaries	\$ 1,970.00		\$ 1,970.00	\$ 2,120.00	\$	\$ 150.00
Town officers' expense	1,700.00		1,700.00	2,163.90		463.90
Election and registration	150.00		150.00	129.00	\$	
Municipal Court		\$ 272.60	272.60	200.00	21.00	
Town hall and other town buildings	2,200.00	320.50	2,520.50	2,331.53	72.60	
Police department	750.00		750.00	713.52	188.97	
Fire department	3,500.00	228.41	3,728.41	3,068.54	36.48	
Tree committee	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,032.60	659.87	
Bounties				162.00		32.60
Health department	50.00		50.00	28.00	22.00	
Vital statistics	75.00		75.00	77.25		2.25
Town dumps	200.00		200.00	200.00		
Highway—summer maintenance	7,500.00	88.44	7,588.44	7,499.30	89.14	
Oiling	7,500.00	15.00	7,515.00	6,854.56	660.44	
Winter maintenance	6,000.00	25.00	6,025.00	5315.60	709.40	
Snow fence	600.00		600.00	394.05	205.95	
Street lighting	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,383.92	116.08	
General highway expense	800.00	20.00	820.00	792.84	27.16	
Town Road Aid	1,052.31		1,052.31	1,052.31		
Libraries	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,800.00		
Town Poor	500.00		500.00	182.35		
Old Age Assistance	3,000.00	131.66	3,131.66	3,157.29	317.65	25.63
Memorial Day	175.00		175.00	176.04		1.04
Aid to soldiers and families	500.00		500.00	32.10	467.90	
Parks and playgrounds	700.00		700.00	696.19	3.81	
Cemeteries	1,350.00		1,350.00	1,350.00		

Souhegan Valley Nursing Association	200.00	200.00		
Dog damage and legal expense	100.00	102.00		2.00
Auto permits	600.00	638.50		38.50
Trustees of Trust Funds		1,172.30		
Tax refunds		107.80		
Cash Abatements		49.84		
Hydrant Rental	1,365.00	1,365.00		
Town clock	25.00	25.00		
Town library				
Mary B. Upham fund		5,341.34		
Transfer Tax Collector funds		2,688.76		
Taxes bought by Town		2,801.90		
Interest	100.00	113.33		13.33
Head tax		4,323.00		
Head Tax Commission		140.45		
Precinct tax	6,479.05	5,657.65		821.40
Temporary loan		12,000.00		
Article No. 6—emergency lights	250.00	140.00		110.00
Article No. 7—typewriter and desk	300.00	294.00	12.50	18.50
Article No. 8—town hall repairs	2,000.00	1,996.15		3.85
School district—1954-55 balance	25,096.89	25,096.89		
School district—1955-56	99,239.50	82,500.00		16,739.50
County tax	\$181,327.75	\$182,643.86	\$1,316.11	
	10,200.00	10,200.00		\$3,610.03
Totals	\$191,527.75	\$192,843.86	\$1,316.11	\$21,291.70
Balance due on school appropriation		\$204,476.83		16,739.50
Net unexpended balance of appropriations and credits		\$ 4,552.20		\$4,339.28
				\$212.92

COMPARATIVE INVENTORY

	1954		1955	
Land and Buildings		\$1,866,385.00		\$1,919,425.00
Electric Plants		117,447.00		118,000.00
Horses	37	1,815.00	39	1,950.00
Neat Stock	1	60.00	35	1,900.00
Cows	431	31,600.00	442	26,025.00
Sheep and Goats	34	315.00	48	480.00
Hens	21,963	13,091.00	24,528	11,595.00
Hogs	8	100.00	6	60.00
Gasoline Pumps		1,500.00		875.00
Water Systems		300.00		300.00
Wood and Lumber		16,795.00		19,740.00
Mills and Machinery		5,400.00		5,700.00
Stock in Trade		22,100.00		21,775.00
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		\$2,076,908.00		\$2,127,825.00
Veterans' Exemptions		138,035.00		153,250.00
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Net Taxable Property		\$1,938,873.00		\$1,974,575.00
Tax Rate per \$1000		6.16		\$6.96
School Rate		4.58		\$4.98
Town Rate		1.58		\$1.98
Precinct Rate		.96		\$1.00

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$19,853 74
In hands of Tax Collector	7 56
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Grader Fund	1,564 43
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State:	
(b) Bounties	162 00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1955	990 89
(b) Levy of 1954	294 30
(c) Levy of 1953	45 80
(d) Previous Years	56 13
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1955	25,343 89
(b) Levy of 1954	303 76
(c) Levy of 1953	15 25
(e) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1955	1,060 00
Total Assets	<u>\$49,697 75</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$49,697 75</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Due to State:	
(a) State Head Taxes—1955	
(Uncollected \$1060.00)	
(Collected—not remitted to State	
Treas. \$134.00)	1,194 00
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of appropriation	16,739 50
Capital Reserve Funds	1,564 43
Total Liabilities	<u>\$19,497 93</u>
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	30,199 82
Grand Total	<u>\$49,697 75</u>

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 40,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500 00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	18,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	5,000 00
Police Department, Equipment	100 00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	8,000 00
Equipment	10,000 00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,000 00
Equipment	6,000 00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	5,000 00
Dumps	100 00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	130,000 00
Equipment	8,000 00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
Harding & Cassidy lot, 2 acres	25 00
Whitmore Lot	20 00
W. A. Barnard lot, 50 acres	250 00
Proctor lot, 25 acres	125 00
Winslow lot, 9 acres	15 00

Total	\$233,135 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

AUTOMOBILE ACCOUNT

49 (1954)	Auto Permits	
	Jan. 1, 1955 to Apr. 1, 1955	\$ 142 57
1227 (1955)	Auto Permits	
	Jan. 1 to December 31, 1955	10,122 58
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		\$10,265 15

DOG ACCOUNT

259	Male or spayed dogs	\$518 00
44	Female dogs	220 00
16	Dog licenses, part year	26 70
2	Kennel licenses	24 00
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		\$788 70
	Commission for licensing dogs	64 20
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		\$724 50

The law requires owner or keeper to license dogs on or before the thirtieth day of April each year. Special notice WILL NOT be sent.

Male dogs \$2.00

Spayed dogs \$2.00

Female dogs \$5.00

Kennel licenses covering
not more than 5 dogs \$12.00

All Dogs Three Months Old Must Be Licensed

Dogs must be collared and licensed according to Chapter 180 of R. L. of N. H.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR
Supplement to Report of July 31, 1955
 (Submitted by Hiram Elliott)

TAX LEVY OF 1954

Uncollected tax as entered on July 31 report	\$9,497 39
By taxes collected, but not recorded	118 25

Corrected uncollected tax total	\$9,379 14

TAX LEVY OF 1953

Unredeemed tax as entered on July 31 report	\$514 48
By taxes collected, but not recorded	15 00

Corrected unredeemed tax total	\$499 48

We have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector and believe this report and supplement is a complete and correct accounting.

GEORGE H. HOWARD,
 ORSON H. BRAGDON,

Town Auditors.

Amherst, N. H.—November 26, 1955

TAX LEVY OF 1955

Dr.

National Bank Stock Tax	\$ 72 40	
Property and Precinct Tax	2,688 76	
	-----	\$2,761 16

Cr.

Remitted to Treasurer:		
National Bank Stock Tax	\$ 72 40	
Property and Precinct Tax	2,688 76	
	-----	\$2,761 16

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
PROPERTY, POLL, PRECINCT AND
YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1954

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1955		
Property and Precinct Taxes	\$21,103 16	
Poll Taxes	308 00	
Yield Taxes	953 47	
	-----	\$22,364 63
Added Taxes:		
Interest Collected	\$241 09	
Summons Charges Collected	21 60	
	-----	262 69
Overpayment to Treasurer		755 16

		\$23,382 48

Cr.

Remitted to Treasurer:		
Property and Precinct Taxes	\$13,078 50	
Poll Taxes	226 00	
Yield Taxes	187 30	
Interest	241 09	
Summons Charges	21 60	
	-----	\$13,754 49
Abatements:		
Poll Taxes	\$48 00	
Property Taxes	61 60	
	-----	109 60
Uncollected July 11, 1955:		
Property and Precinct	\$8,718 22	
Poll Taxes	34 00	
Yield Taxes	745 17	
	-----	9,497 39
Yield tax sold town—Aug. 29, '54		
Not deducted from uncollected		21 00

		\$23,382 48

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1954

Dr.

Uncollected Head Tax:

January 1, 1955		\$ 810 00
Added Head Tax	\$105 00	
Penalties Collected	71 00	
Overpayment to Treasurer	198 00	
	-----	374 00

		\$1,184 00

Cr.

Remitted to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$890 00	
Penalties	89 00	
	-----	979 00
Abatements	\$105 00	
Uncollected Head Tax	100 00	
	-----	205 00

		\$1,184 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
PROPERTY, POLL, PRECINCT AND
YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1953

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1955

Property and Precinct Taxes	\$804 91	
Poll Taxes	14 00	
Yield Taxes	98 24	
	-----	917 15
Interest and Summons Charges	\$10 21	
Added Poll Taxes	8 00	
	-----	18 21

		\$935 36

	Cr.	
Remitted to Treasurer:		
Property and Precinct Taxes	\$455 52	
Poll Taxes	6 00	
Interest and Summons Charges	10 21	
	-----	471 73
Abatements:		
Property Tax	\$36 00	
Poll Taxes	8 00	
	-----	44 00
Uncollected Taxes as of July 31, 1955		
Property and Precinct Taxes	\$215 78	
Poll Taxes	8 00	
Yield Taxes	78 24	
	-----	302 02
Yield taxes sold Town 9/29/54	\$20 00	
Property tax paid 9/2/54	62 64	
Balance due Town	34 97	
	-----	117 61

		\$935 36

Summary of Tax Sales Account as of July 31, 1955

Dr.	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948
Uncollected balance						
January 1, 1955	\$942.82	\$333.21	\$122.73	\$9.96	\$76.74	\$12.48
Added tax	32.13	6.40	13.94			
Interest collected	27.02	20.44	27.01		3.60	6.54
	\$1001.97	\$360.05	\$163.68	\$9.96	\$80.34	\$19.02
Cr.						
Remitted to						
Treasurer	\$ 460.47	\$159.16	\$136.67		\$12.18	\$12.48
Interest remitted						
to Treasurer	27.02	20.44	27.01		3.60	6.54
Unredeemed						
August 1, 1955	514.48	180.45		\$9.96	64.56	
	\$1001.97	\$360.05	\$163.68	\$9.96	\$80.34	\$19.02

NOTE: 1953 Added tax should be \$32.83
1953 Unredeemed tax should be \$515.18
1953 Unredeemed tax includes \$44.40, 1952 tax and
\$14.65 previously paid but not recorded.
Correct 1953 Unredeemed total is \$456.13
Correct 1952 Unredeemed total is \$224.85

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Barbara Landry

SUMMARY OF WARRANT PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES LEVY OF 1955

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property	\$144,525 86	
Poll	1,576 00	
Total Warrant	-----	\$146,101 86
Yield Tax		806 86
Added Taxes:		
Property		300 89
Poll		28 00
Interest Collected		35 77

Total Debits		\$147,273 38

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Tax	\$119,620 02	
Property cash on hand	7 56	
Total Property Collections	-----	\$119,627 58
Poll	\$1,242 00	
Yield	578 75	
Interest Collected	35 77	
	-----	1,856 52
Discounts Allowed		56 25
Uncollected as per List:		
Property	\$24,819 78	
Poll	296 00	
Yield	228 11	
	-----	25,343 89
Abatements:		
Property	\$323 03	
Poll	66 00	
Error in Warrant (.10 pg 97)	11	
	-----	389 14
Total Credits		\$147,273 38

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1955

Dr.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$5060 00	
Added Taxes	80 00	
Total Commitment	-----	\$5140 00
Penalties Collected		12 00

Total Debits	-----	\$5152 00
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Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Tax	\$3950 00	
Penalties	12 00	
	-----	\$3962 00
Abatements		130 00
Uncollected Head Tax as per List		1060 00
Total Credits		----- \$5152 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1954

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes — as of Aug. 1, 1955:

Property	\$8694 57	
Yield	745 17	
Poll	34 00	
Added Poll	2 00	
Interest uncollected	23 65	
	-----	\$9499 39
Overage Collected	\$ 01	
Fines Charged	4 19	
Interest Collected	603 47	
	-----	607 67

Total Debits	-----	\$10,107 06
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	Cr.	
Remittances to Treas. during period		
August 1, 1955 to Dec. 31, 1955:		
Property Tax	\$8669 49	
Polls	18 00	
Yield Tax	465 57	
Collected Interest	23 65	
Interest and Costs	603 47	
	-----	\$9,780 18
Abated Property		18 93
Abated Fines		4 19
Uncollected Taxes as Per List:		
Property		6 16
Polls		18 00
Yield		279 60

Total Credits		\$10,107 06

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1954

	Dr.	
Uncollected Taxes as of		
August 1, 1955	\$100 00	
Added Taxes	5 00	
Penalties Collected	5 50	
Total Debits	-----	\$110 50
	Cr.	
Remittances to Treas. during 1955:		
Head Tax	\$55 00	
Penalties	5 50	
	-----	\$60 50
Uncollected Taxes as per List		50 00

Total Credits		\$110 50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1953

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes — as of Aug 1, 1955:

Property Tax	\$215 78	
Poll Tax	8 00	
Yield Tax	78 24	
	-----	\$302 02

Interest Collected from August 1 to December 31, 1955		30 96

Total Debits		\$332 98
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Cr.

Remittances to Treas. August 1 to
December 31, 1955:

Property Tax	\$202 53	
Poll Tax	6 00	
Yield Tax	78 24	
Interest	30 96	
	-----	\$317 73

Uncollected as per List:

Poll	\$ 2 00	
Property	13 25	
Total Uncollected	-----	15 25

Total Credits		332 98
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Summary of Tax Sales — as of December 31, 1955

Tax Sales in Year of:

Dr.

	1954	1953	1952	Previous
Taxes sold town during '55	\$2801.90			
Taxes sold Nashua Bank	328.00			
Bal. of unredeemed taxes				
August 1, 1955		\$456.13	\$224.85	\$74.52
Interest and fees collected	23.22	5.11	29.65	6.12
Redemption costs	49.80			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$3202.92	\$461.24	\$254.40	\$80.64

	Cr.			
Remittances to Treas.	\$2208.93	\$ 65.94	\$208.70	\$24.51
Abated	3.10			
Unredeemed taxes				
December 31, 1955	990.89	395.30	45.80	56.13
TOTAL CREDITS	\$3202.92	\$461.24	\$254.50	\$80.64

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT — 1955

Cash on hand January 1, 1955	\$ 21,616 97
Received from:	
Hiram R. Elliott, Tax Collector	\$ 18,833 95
Barbara Landry, Tax Collector	138,105 03
	----- 156,938 98
Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk:	
Auto permit fees, 1954	\$ 142 57
Auto permit fees, 1955	10,122 58
Dog licenses	724 50
	----- 10,989 65
Selectmen:	
Pistol permits	\$ 5 00
Discount Eureka Hose Co.	17 60
Insurance refund	3 50
Typewriter sold	12 50
Tax property sold	700 00
Old water tank sold	5 00
	----- 743 60
Souhegan National Bank:	
Tax anticipation note	12,000 00
Henry Merrill:	
Mary B. Upham Fund, for library	5,341 34
Clarence H. Hagar, Sexton:	
Use of greens	\$32 00
Sale of lots	30 00
	----- 62 00
Trustees of Trust Funds:	
Fiske Highway fund	\$ 48 51
Credit Cemetery fund	150 00
	----- 198 51
Town of Bedford (Cr. Fire Dept.)	\$41 93
Sold 2 truck tires (Cr. Fire Dept.)	5 00
	----- 46 93
Town Hall Rentals:	
Mrs. Kenneth Goodwin	\$ 10 00

Richard A. Smith	10 00	
Baptist Church	10 00	
Harlan Burns	10 00	
Souhegan Grange	80 00	
Men's Club	75 00	
American Legion	112 50	
Wood-Mann Caterers	8 00	
	-----	315 50
Harold L. Aldrich, Road Agent:		
Use of Grader:		
Richard Crocker	\$ 6 00	
Oliver Merrill	51 50	
Town of Milford	16 00	
Theodore Farms	146 80	
	-----	222 30
Oliver Merrill	\$14 10	
L. G. Huntington	9 00	
Sold old grader	20 00	
Mrs. Theodora Lincoln	25 00	
Lawrence Landry, oiling	15 00	
	-----	83 10
George H. Howard, Clerk		
Municipal Court, fines		272 60
State of New Hampshire:		
Training men	\$ 8 51	
Forest fires and reimbursement		
tax State lands	182 03	
Old Age Recovery	131 66	
Gas refund (Cr. Highway)	16 83	
Interest and dividends	10,588 49	
Investigation, fires	2 00	
Savings and R. R. stock	98 45	
Bounties	75 50	
Overpayment head tax	3 00	
Reimbursement tax loss exemp-		
tion wood and timber	3,362 62	
	-----	14,469 09

Gifts - Perpetual Care:

Ernest H. Peaslee Estate	\$250 00	
Benjamin Piper	150 00	
Mathilda Peterson Estate	200 00	
John Prescott, Jr. on account	80 00	
Mrs. Ada Windsor (Henry Chisholm Lot)	150 00	
Melvin Small	200 00	
	-----	1,030 00
Total Receipts		-----
		\$202,713 60
On hand (Dec. 31, 1954) Jan. 1, 1955		21,616 97

		\$224,330 57
Less Selectmen's orders paid		204,476 83

Balance December 31, 1955		\$ 19,853 74

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Town Officers' Salaries:

Appropriation: \$1970.00

Expended:

James F. Wanless, selectman	\$350 00	
Allen D. Howard, selectman	350 00	
Lewis F. Sawyer, selectman	350 00	
Hiram R. Elliot, Tax Collector,		
Jan. to Aug. 1, 1955	233 34	
Barbara H. Landry, Tax Collector,		
Aug. to Dec. 31, 1955	166 66	
Catherine A. Kruger, treasurer	200 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, town clerk	200 00	
Howard A. Arnold, trust funds	70 00	
Orson H. Bragdon, auditor	100 00	
George H. Howard, auditor	100 00	
	-----	\$2120 00

Town Officers' Expenses:

Appropriation: \$1700.00

Expended:

James F. Wanless, use of car	\$ 20 00
Allen D. Howard, use of car	15 00
Lewis F. Sawyer, use of car	15 00
N. H. Ass'n. of Assessors dues	3 00
Catherine A. Kruger, supplies	158 95
Cabinet Press, printing	893 52
Milford Duplicating Service,	
Town Clerk notices	3 00
Edson S. Eastman Co., vouchers	
and supplies	24 80
James P. Melzer Est., dog license	
books	12 50
Souhegan National Bank, safe	
deposit box, trust funds	5 00
Wheeler & Clark, supplies and	
dog tags	17 54
Hiram R. Elliott, supplies	111 22

Rotch Ins. Agency, bond for H. R.	
Elliott and burglary insurance	180 88
Brown & Saltmarsh,	
stamps and supplies	53 34
Donat Corriveau, deeds,	
mortgage and tax titles	66 30
E. Edw. Bourassa, furnish 9 names	90
Marsh & McLennan, bonds and ins.	55 00
R. H. Llewellyn, supplies	3 45
N. H. Tax Collectors'	
Association, dues	3 00
James F. Wanless, supplies	7 35
Vincent P. Brine, stamps	19 00
Barbara H. Landry, copying and	
supplies	249 89
Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerks'	
meeting	24 00
Sargent Bros., supplies	52 20
Branham Publishing Co., auto	
reference book	4 00
Hillsboro County, reg. of deeds	2 06
William Falconer, surveying	74 00
State of N. H., maps	3 50
Elna P. Howard, copying tax	
and blotter books	16 00
George H. Howard, auditors' notices	
and stamps	11 72

	\$2163 90

Election and Registration:

Appropriation: \$150.00

Expended:

Harold H. Wilkins, moderator	\$ 8 00
Robert Hancock, ballot clerk	8 00
Frank L. Pearson, ballot clerk	8 00
Dwight P. Brown, asst. to voters	7 00
Albert H. Junkins, constable,	
Town Meeting	9 00

Lilla M. Brown, supervisor check list	21 00	
Hiram R. Elliott, supervisor check list	15 00	
George A. Knight, supervisor check list	21 00	
Frank L. Pearson	6 00	
Lorraine Marchildon, assisting town clerk	10 00	
Cabinet Press, ballots, town meeting	16 00	
	-----	\$129 00

Expenses Town Hall
Appropriation: \$2200.00

Expended:		
W. D. Bell, gas	\$126 00	
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	288 93	
Dwight P. Brown, janitor service	453 00	
Thrift Stores, Inc., supplies	8 78	
Draper Fuel Co., oil	660 44	
N. E. Tel. — Tel. Co., phone	122 70	
Kenneth Durant, rubbish disposal	43 75	
Wilton Plumbing Co., repairing oil burner	57 88	
Amherst Village District, water	30 00	
C. A. Spaulding, repairing gutter	6 80	
Liberty Mutual Ins. Co., insurance town hall	516 25	
Boston Sign Co., painting sign	5 00	
Margaret Murphy, altering curtains	12 00	
	-----	\$2331 53

Police Department:
Appropriation: \$750.00

Expended:		
Albert H. Junkins, constable	641 52	
Marsh and McLennan, bonds	10 00	
Harold L. Aldrich, special officer	48 50	
Oscar Burns, M.D., blood test	5 00	

Cabinet Press, dog notices	8 50	
	-----	\$713 52

Fire Department:

Appropriation: \$3500.00

Expended:

Frank F. Richardson, chief and forest fire warden	\$ 50 00
Edwin F. Locke, assistant chief	15 00
Edward Marchildon, assistant chief	15 00
Frank F. Richardson, inspecting oil burners	21 00
Richard Crocker, cleaning brush from water holes	18 80
Lawrence E. Clark, insurance on fire trucks	19 25
Ernest E. Gagnon, hook for fire department	13 08
MacLeod Co., re-charge extinguisher	4 50
Amherst Village District, water	37 50
Milford Grain and Coal Co., oil	246 54
Frank F. Richardson, fire bills	743 85
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	129 23
Rotch Insurance Agency, insurance on trucks	126 40
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone and network	257 35
Bob's Auto Service, gas and repairs	573 66
Farrar Co., repairs on Barton pump	110 00
Justin A. McCarthy, supplies	37 16
James A. Coffin, supplies	84 60
Guy H. Nelson, snow removal	8 00
Robert H. Hancock, janitor service and shovelling hydrants	110 00
Mass. Bonding & Ins. Co., insurance on firemen	156 60
Carl K. Stimson, repairs on oil burner	35 65

Seamans Supply Co., supplies	10 30	
Lawrence Engine Co., firemen's salaries	200 00	
County Stores, Inc., paint	3 87	
Milford Board Public Works, hydrant rental	40 00	
Charles A. Reynolds	1 20	
	-----	\$3068 54

Memorial Day:

Appropriation: \$175.00

Expended:

The Flag Shop, flags for Memorial Day	\$ 28 54	
Ferdinando's Orchestra, music	125 00	
Milford Duplicating Service, programs	7 50	
Henry Davis, wreaths	15 00	
	-----	\$176 04

Town Poor:

Appropriation: \$500.00

Expended:

Y.M.C.A., Ernest Adams, board	\$ 28 75	
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights for Clarence Adams	5 40	
Hillsboro County, Albert Hubley, groceries	33 50	
Moore General Hospital, care Albert Hubley	104 70	
Elphege J. Cote, M.D., dental work, Marlan Cobleigh	10 00	
	-----	\$182 35

Soldiers' Aid:

Appropriation: \$500.00

Expended:

Milford Ice and Coal Co., oil	\$ 8 91	
Thrift Stores, Inc., groceries	23 19	
	-----	\$32 10

Old Age Assistance:

Appropriation: \$3000.00

Expended:

State of New Hampshire	\$3157 29
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Summer Maintenance:

Appropriation: \$7500.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich, gravel	\$ 883 20
Summer maintenance	6616 10

	\$7499 30

Winter Maintenance:

Appropriation: \$6000.00

Expended:

Harold Aldrich	\$5315 60
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Oiling:

Appropriation: \$7500.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich	\$6854 56
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General Expenses of Highway Department:

Appropriation: \$800.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich	\$792 84
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Dumps:

Appropriation: \$200.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich	200 00
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T. R. A.:

Appropriation: \$1052.31

Expended:

Treas. State of N. H.	\$1052 31
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Snow Fence:

Appropriation: \$600.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich	\$394 05
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Parks and Playgrounds:

Appropriation: \$700.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich	\$696 19
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Street Lighting:

Appropriation: \$2500.00

Expended:

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$2383 92
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Cemeteries:

Appropriation: \$1350.00

Expended:

Clarence H. Hagar	\$1350 00
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Tree Program:

Appropriation: \$1000.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich, removing wood	\$ 30 15	
Harold L. Aldrich, removing wood	137 00	
Barbour Tree Service,		
cutting trees	96 50	
Harry Melendy, 12 trees	116 00	
F. A. Bartlett, spraying and		
care of trees	622 50	
Richard Crocker, brush removed	30 45	
	-----	\$1032 60

Trustees of Trust Funds:

Expended:

Trustees of Trust Funds	\$1172 30
(Includes Grader Fund)	

Bounties:

Expended	\$162 00
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Town Clock:

Appropriation: \$25.00

Expended:

Dwight P. Brown	\$25 00
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Library:

Appropriation: \$1800.00

Expended:

Amherst Town Library	\$1800 00
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Souhegan Nursing Association:

Appropriation: \$200.00

Expended:

Souhegan Valley Nursing Association	\$200 00
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Damage by Dogs:

Expended:

N. H. Humane Society, disposing of dog	\$2 00
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Health Department:

Appropriation: \$50.00

Expended:

Oscar Burns, M.D., Health Officer	\$28 00
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Vital Statistics:

Appropriation: \$75.00

Expended:

Catherine A. Kruger, recording statistics and fees to doctors and clergymen	\$77 25
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Auto Permits:

Appropriation: \$600.00

Expended:

Catherine A. Kruger	\$638 50
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Municipal Court:

Expended:

Charles J. Lincoln, Judge	\$100 00	
William C. Vose, Associate Judge	50 00	
George H. Howard, Clerk	50 00	
	-----	\$200 00

Town Counsel:

Charles J. Lincoln	\$100 00
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Taxes Bought by Town:

Expended:
Tax Sale on 1954 Levy \$2801 90

Temporary Loans:

Expended:
Souhegan National Bank \$12,000 00

Interest:

Appropriation: \$100.00
Expended:
Souhegan National Bank \$113 33

Head Tax:

Expended:
Treas. State of N. H. \$4323 00
Hiram R. Elliott 27 95
Barbara H. Landry 112 50
----- \$4463 45

County Tax:

Appropriation: \$10,200.00
Expended:
Treas., Hillsboro County \$13,810 03

Precinct Tax:

Appropriation: \$6479.05
Expended:
Amherst Village District \$5657 65

Hydrant Rental:

Appropriation: \$1365.00
Expended:
Amherst Village District \$1365 00

School District:

Appropriation: \$99,239.50
Expended:
1954-55 Appropriation, balance \$25,096 89
1955-56 Appropriation 82,500 00
----- \$107,596 89

Abatement:

Expended:
Mary M. Yudicky, abatement on 1954 tax \$49 84

Amherst Town Library:

Expended:
Mary B. Upham Estate, gift \$5341 34

Article No. 6

Appropriation: \$250.00

Expended:
Weston Emergency Light Co. \$99 20
H. R. Locke & Sons, wiring lights 40 80
----- \$140 00

Article No. 7

Appropriation: \$300.00

Expended:
John C. Toomey, repair typewriter \$ 6 50
Smith Corona Inc., typewriter 197 50
Globe Office Equipment,
desk and chair 85 00
Catherine A. Kruger, express 5 00
----- \$294 00

Article No. 8

Appropriation: \$2000.00

Expended:
C. L. Haskell, fireproofing stage \$ 66 00
Fred M. Reilly,
pointing up foundation 50 00
Owen P. Fisk, wiring and new lights 384 93
Geo. A. Knight, keys for town hall 3 00
R. S. Going, painting town hall 550 00
Eastman & Wright, building closets,
new doors and repairs 942 00
----- \$1996 15

Taxes Collected by Hiram R. Elliott:

Expended:
Paid to Barbara H. Landry \$2688 76

Refund on Double Tax:

Expended:	
Nashua Cooperative Bank	\$107 80

A NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN For the Year 1955

Our assessed valuation again showed an increase and a special effort was made to equalize the valuations so that each property would represent its proper proportion of the total in accordance with the State law.

Our tax rate as fixed by the State Tax Commission based on our Budgeted expense, was as shown in the 1954-1955 comparison below.

	1954	1955
Town Rate	\$1.58 per \$100.	\$1.98 per \$100.
School Rate	4.58 per \$100.	4.98 per \$100.
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	\$6.16	\$6.96 per \$100.
Precinct Rate	.96 per \$100.	1.00 per \$100.
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Total	\$7.12 per \$100.	\$7.96 per \$100.
1955 Average rate on which State bases revenue from State, \$7.31		

Town Budget

The comparative statement of appropriations and expenditures shows a net CREDIT of \$212.92 and this would have been \$3812.95 under the budget if the County tax had not shown an increase of \$3600.03 over our budget which was based on last year's payment.

Highways

Total Highway expense, including Town Road Aid, shows a credit of \$1664.93 under the budget as follows: Summer Maintenance \$89.14; Winter Maintenance \$709.40; Oiling \$660.44; Snow Fence \$205.95; T.R.A. funds of \$1052.31, plus State Aid of \$7015.43 was used to complete Chestnut Hill road to the Town line, grade and gravel the so-called Junkins road from the Merrimack line on the East to the Merrimack road on the West boundaries, and widening and graveling the Austin road approach to Mack Hill road and the Green

road on Christian Hill to provide space for snow plowing.

Fire Department

Edwin Locke was appointed Fire Chief to replace Frank F. Richardson, retired. Edward Marchildon was appointed First Assistant and Ezra Edwards Second Assistant Chiefs.

The Fire Department showed a net credit of \$659.87 on their budget as we were fortunate to have very few fires during the year.

Again we wish to call your attention to your responsibility in causing or kindling a fire. A permit is necessary unless the ground is COVERED with snow. Be sure to read the conditions under which a permit is issued and understand your responsibility when you receive a permit to kindle a fire.

Articles in 1955 Warrant

Article 6. The Emergency Lights were installed in the Town Hall as specified. Appropriation \$250.00; actual cost \$140.00.

Article 7. A new typewriter was purchased and a desk and chair secured for the Town Clerk's office—the old typewriter repaired and moved to the Selectmen's office. Appropriation \$300.00; actual cost \$294.00.

Article 8. The committee appointed to work with the Selectmen on Town Hall Renovation was as follows: George Knight, Carl Peterson and Louis Heaton. A complete survey was made and the following was accomplished at a cost of \$1996.15; appropriation \$2000. Foundation pointed up all around building where needed; chimney holes filled and plastered; hearth in dining room repaired and broken bricks replaced; blinds repaired and replaced where missing; new doors installed in both outside entrances and dining room doors changed to open out; new door installed between dining room and hall; toilet doors repaired and new fixtures added; main entrance hall moulding repaired and replaced

where needed; 3 closets built under stairway in hall and suitable locks provided; new lighting fixtures in dining room hall and closets and all obsolete wiring replaced; chair rail installed in dining room; all damaged plaster in hall and dining room patched and all walls, ceilings and woodwork painted, two coats, in kitchen, dining room and hall to top of stairs; all broken window glass replaced; stage scenery and curtain fireproofed.

The committee wishes to extend to George Knight their sincere thanks for supervising and arranging for this work and securing the maximum value for the money expended.

We recommend that this program of renovation and modernization be continued to protect the town's investment in a building that would be impossible to replace.

Article 14. No costs were involved in the construction of the new bridge and approaches on Route 122 during 1955 as the contract was not awarded by the State until December 1955, and no payment is due the State until work is begun in 1956, at which time one half of the town's share will be payable. It appears that the town's share will be considerable less than the original estimate as the contract was let for approximately \$30,000.00 less than the first cost estimate according to information available to us.

Article 17. In accordance with Article 17, the Selectmen appointed the following committee to study the Zoning Ordinance and suggest amendments and additions: Forrest W. Jasper, Dewey W. Smith, George Hammond, representing the rural area; Benjamin Piper, John H. Morison, Charles J. Lincoln, representing the Village area; James F. Wanless, ex-officio, representing the Selectmen. George Hammond was elected chairman by the committee. Meetings and surveys were made and it was voted to present the recommendations at a public hearing to get further ideas and suggestions before presenting the recommendations to

the Town Meeting and this public hearing was scheduled for the evening of February 15, 1956.

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A chart, showing how your Tax Dollar was spent, is part of this report.

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For several years, there has been urgent necessity for a town dump to accommodate the citizens of the Ponemah district and the area east of the Ponemah district to the Merrimack line.

The Town owned seven acres of land adjoining seven acres owned by the State on Route 101A, at the Railroad crossing East of the Ponemah district. However, the entrance to the Town land and the most desirable location for the dump in an old gravel pit, was partly on State land.

Upon application to the State, we were able to secure Title to approximately two acres of State land bordering the road at no cost to the Town and sold to the highest bidder for \$200.00 the timber adjacent to the dump location so after the fill is removed for new road construction in 1956, the dump can be developed at small cost and will meet all requirements of the State Fire Warden and will solve the problem of dumps for that area.

All citizens are warned **not to use this area as a dump** until it has been cleared of fire hazards and is officially opened by the Town.

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Mr. Hiram R. Elliott, who has served the Town of Amherst as Tax Collector for twenty years, found it necessary to resign due to poor health as of August 1, 1955, and Mrs. Laurence J. (Barbara) Landry was appointed to the position for the unexpired term. Hi Elliott's long years of devoted service are testimony to the regard in which he is held by Amherst citizens, and we wish him many happy years of retirement.

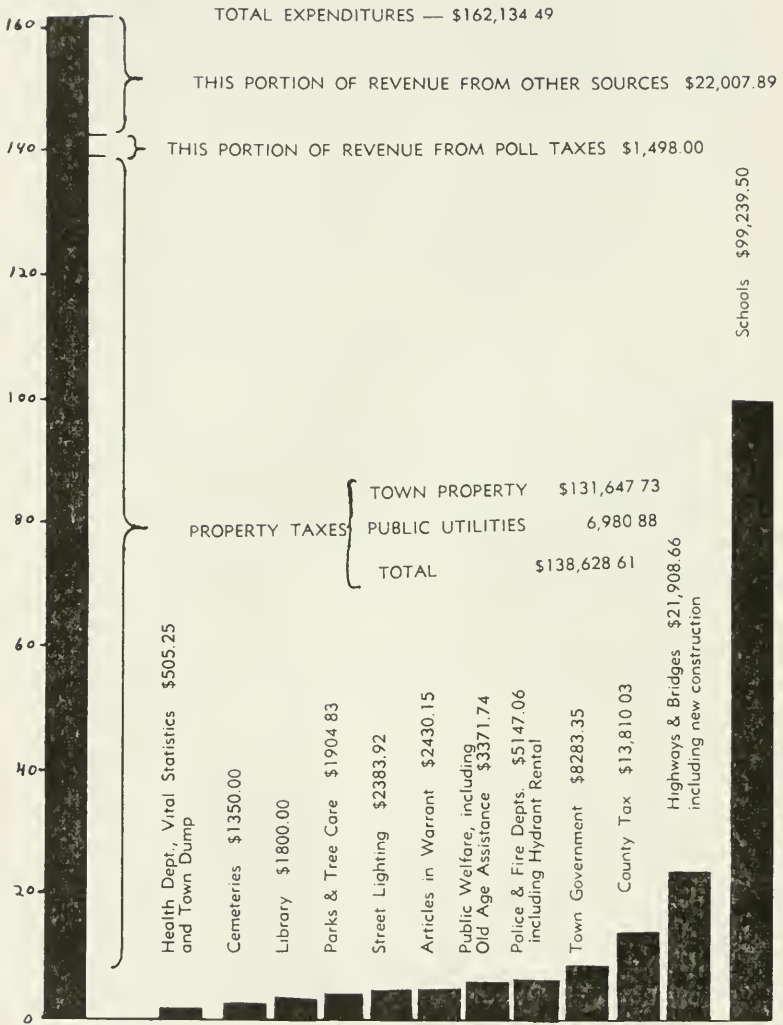
Conclusion

Your Chairman during the last year, is retiring from office with this Town Meeting and wishes to thank the people of Amherst for their cooperation and friendship during the last three years.

It has been a very interesting and enjoyable experience and has resulted in a broad acquaintance and many friendships that could not be acquired in any other way. The position is recommended to those who wish to serve their town in a civic capacity.

HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS WERE SPENT

IN 1955



The chart on the opposite page is intended to show graphically how your tax money was spent in 1955, and the following table of percentages will further explain the cost of the various services purchased with your tax dollars.

NOTE: "Revenue from other sources" is derived from:

Interest and dividends tax

Reimbursement a/c Growing Wood and Timber

Railroad, Savings Bank and National Bank stock taxes.

Dog licenses, fines and forfeits.

Town Hall rentals, permits and other miscellaneous sources.

Total income from these sources in 1955, \$31,899.

	Percent of Total Expenditures	Percent of Prop. and Poll Taxes
Health Department	.31	.36
Cemeteries	.83	.96
Library	1.11	1.28
Parks and Tree Care	1.17	1.36
Street Lighting	1.47	1.70
Articles in 1955 Warrant	1.50	1.73
Public Welfare and O.A.A.	2.03	2.41
Police and Fire Depts., including hydrant rental	3.17	3.67
Town Government, Insurance, Maintenance, etc.	5.10	5.91
County Tax	8.52	9.86
Highways and Bridges, including new construction	13.51	15.63
Schools	61.20	70.82

NOTE: Correction to opposite page too late for printer.

Figures showing breakdown of Property Tax should read:

Town Property	\$130,392.21
Public Utilities	8,236.40
Total	\$138,628.61

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

During the month of March several roads were repaired with gravel to correct muddy conditions. These roads were Hubbard Road, Austin Road, Pinetop Road, Laskey Road, Veterans' Road, Dump Road, Old Milford Road, Green Road and Thomas Mill Road. March 25th this work was interrupted by a snow storm.

Spring grading was started on April 1st. Soon after spring grading was completed, our grader operator left for a foreman's position in Milford. We were unable to locate another grader operator during the summer. Grading was done by the Road Agent whenever possible at intervals during the summer projects. Late in the summer we engaged the Town of Merrimack's grader and operator to grade the roads before the winter months.

The summer maintenance program took care of all the necessary road repairs, including brush and culverts.

The oiling program for 1955 included the Village District. All roads within the village were oiled. The following roads outside the Village District that were oiled, were the Weston Road, Ponemah Road, from Hayward's cider mill to the bottom of Chestnut Hill, and part of the South Merrimack Road. The Carter Road was oiled from Route 101 to the bridge over Beaver Brook.

Blasting and graveling on the Hubbard Road improved a very bad situation as far as plowing was concerned.

T.R.A. money was spent on oiling of Chestnut Hill. Graveling of Junkins Road, widening of the Austin Road and Mann's Road.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who have supported me for the past six years. I especially want to thank the Selectmen for their cooperation, and cooperation of the Road Commission and all Town Officers during my term of office.

HAROLD L. ALDRICH, Highway Agent.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT Harold L. Aldrich

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation \$7500 00

Credits:

Fisk Highway Fund	48 51
Motor Vehicle Dept. refund	16 83
Oliver Merrill	14 10
L. G. Huntington	9 00

\$7588 44

Hume Pipe of N. E., Inc., culvert pipe	\$ 258 98
Oliver Merrill, culvert pipe	30 00
Milford Public Works, grader	20 12
Town of Merrimack, grader	165 20
Bob's Auto Service, grader gas	197 60
South Street Garage, crane	20 00
Daniels Garage, blasting	181 80
Ernest Phinney, gravel	94 40
Ralph Currier, gravel	12 80
McKay and Wright, gravel loaded	175 20
A. J. McKay, bulldozer	216 00
William E. Bedders, shovel	234 00
Oliver Merrill, power saw	17 50
Richard Crocker, tractor and mower	262 50
Orson Bragdon, tractor and mower	175 00
Oliver Merrill, loader	108 50
Edgar Thibodeau, truck	93 60
Fred Willard, truck	42 90
William Pelletier, truck	22 50
A. J. McKay, truck	50 70
William Hart, truck	72 00
Hibbert Miles, truck	135 30
Richard Crocker, truck	267 30
Harold L. Aldrich, truck	841 30
John Bowler, labor	5 25
Harry Duval, labor	8 40

Walter Truesdell, labor	194 25
George Masten, labor	275 10
Ernest Miles, labor	614 25
Guy Bills, labor	544 95
Frank Bills, labor	808 50
John Young, grader operator	250 90
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman	1102 50

\$7499 30

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Credit:

Mrs. T. Lincoln	\$25 00
Granite State Asphalt Products Co., Inc., cold patch	\$ 31 28
R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., parts	189 33
Public Service Co. of N. H., town barn lights	5 25
Bob's Auto Service, grader gas	71 42
Daniels Service, town barn oil	8 10
Russell Riddle, Jr., welding	10 00
Ernest Gagnon, repairs	26 75
Ralph Currier, gravel	25 40
Bob's Auto Service, grader repairs	7 40
Wirthmore Feed Co., salt	322 40
Merrimack Farmers Exchange Inc., salt	638 72
Mrs. Bessie Balch, sand	45 60
Oliver Merrill, loader	297 00
Preston Davis, tractor	49 00
Richard Crocker, tractor	17 50
Hibbert Miles, truck	262 20
Oliver Merrill, truck	209 80
Richard Crocker, truck	590 30
Harold L. Aldrich, truck	764 70
Bradford Locke, truck	14 70
Curtis Worthen, labor	3 15
George Hammond, labor	3 15
Richard Bergerson, labor	12 60
Frederick M. Vatcher, labor	43 05
John Bowler, labor	47 50

Frederick Howard, labor	127 05
Dewey Smith, labor	9 45
Hibbert Miles, labor	10 00
Oliver Merrill, labor	6 30
Richard Crocker, labor	20 00
Frank Bills, labor	42 00
Ernest Miles, labor	323 40
John Young, labor	296 10
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman	785 00

\$5315 60

SNOW FENCE

Appropriation	\$600 00	
Harold L. Aldrich, truck		\$140 30
Frank Bills, labor		50 40
Richard Crocker, labor		5 25
Guy Bills, labor		30 45
Ernest Miles, labor		89 25
John Young, labor		8 40
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman		70 00

\$394 05

OILING

Appropriation	\$7500 00
Credit:	
Laurence Landry	15 00

\$7515 00

Granite State Asphalt Prod. Co. Inc., patch	\$ 408 06
Trimount Bituminous Products Co., oil	4009 05
Robie Construction Co. Inc., hot top	106 20
Mrs. Bessie Balch, sand	106 80
Oliver Merrill, loader	224 00
Hibbert Miles, truck	46 20
William Hart, truck	166 50
Richard Crocker, truck	300 30
Harold L. Aldrich, truck	506 00
George Masten, labor	89 25

Ernest Miles, labor	239 40
Guy Bills, labor	194 25
Frank Bills, labor	184 80
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman	273 75

\$6854 56

DUMPS

Appropriation	\$200 00	
A. J. McKay, bulldozer		\$98 00
Ernest Miles, labor		16 80
Frank Bills, labor		16 80
Guy Bills, labor		16 80
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman		51 60

\$200 00

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$800 00
Credit:	
Sale of old scraper	20 00

\$820 00

R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., parts and supplies	\$ 76 18
Public Service Co. of N. H., town barn lights	17 50
Ray Road Equipment, supplies	44 42
Nashua Battery Shop, parts	67 23
The County Stores Inc., supplies	14 74
Auto Electric Service Co., parts	3 38
Bob's Auto Service, grader repair	14 37
Harold L. Aldrich, supplies	90
Ernest Gagnon, repairs	75
Merrimack Farmers Exchange Inc., supplies	19 50
W. E. Aubuchon Co. Inc., supplies	3 20
Ernest Miles, cedar post	27 00
Mabel Aldrich, bookkeeping	25 00
Daniels Service, town barn oil	8 53
Boston Sign Co., signs for dump	10 00
Harland Holt, grader insurance	83 50

Marsh and McLennan Inc., Workmen's Comp.	244	04
Marsh and McLennan Inc., Workmen's Comp .	132	60

\$792 84

Parks

Appropriation	\$700	00
The County Stores Inc., supplies	\$	19 05
Clarence Hagar, repairs		6 44
Richard Crocker, truck		16 50
Harold L. Aldrich, truck		25 30
Harry Duval, labor		12 60
Richard Crocker, labor		3 15
Albert H. Pixley, labor		47 25
Leonard Stockwell, labor		53 55
George Masten, labor		29 40
Ernest Miles, labor		16 80
Guy Bills, labor		16 80
Walter Truesdell, labor		443 10
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman		6 25

\$696 19

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Arrests	17
Safe keeping	1
Motor Vehicle accidents	15
Motor Vehicle violations	18
Fatal accidents	2
Warning to motor vehicle operators	20
D. E. cards issued	5
Warnings to speeders	10
Car fire	1
Drowning at Baboosic Lake	1
Noisy swimming party	1
Gasoline theft	2
Breaking and entering and stolen property	7
Disturbance calls	2
Damage to school complaints	2
Hunting without permission	1
False alarms	1
Complaints	51
Dog complaints	27
Various complaints investigated	78
Lost hunter	1
Dog bite cases	6
Stray dogs, dogs placed in homes, returned to owner and dog damage	9
Dogs worrying live stock	2
Dogs disposed of by police	7
Dogs killed by motor vehicles	5
Aid to other departments	4
Registration plates found and returned	2
Motor vehicle moved from highway	1
Highway Traffic duty	150 hrs.
Memorial Day Parade	3 hrs.
Fourth of July duty	15 hrs.
Collecting dog licenses	8 hrs.
Hallowe'en duty—Amherst Village, 3 nights, 4 men	49 hrs.
Inquiries—Civil Service, Air Force, Miscel.	14

Dances — Legion, Baboosic Lake,	
Benefit Police	50
Buildings unlocked	1
Trip to V. A. hospital	1
Emergency messages delivered	1
Emergency aid	1
Warnings to boys	10
Civilian Defense Meetings attended	1
Air Raid Test	1
Street lights and signal lights reported out	4

This Department extends thanks to State Police Sergeant Conti and State Troopers McBain and Cote, also Motor Vehicle Inspector Landry and the Milford Police Department for their cooperation.

A benefit dance was held November 18, 1955, at the Town Hall to secure funds to purchase a second two-way radio for the Chief's car. We would like to express thanks to our many friends who helped to make this dance a success. The sum of \$247 has been realized which will pay our share of the cost of a set when bought through Civilian Defense. The order has been placed and the set should arrive early this Spring. The radio we now have in operation has proved to be very handy on several occasions and we believe another set will be to the town's best interests many times in the future.

May I urge all parents to continue to caution their children to walk on the left side of the road facing traffic, to keep as far to the left as possible and to take time to look both ways before crossing. This past year there were no accidents reported involving school children.

Our slogan for '56 should be **"Drive to Arrive Alive."**

ALBERT H. JUNKINS,
Chief of Police.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT — 1955

Brush and grass fires	14
House fires	1
Chimney fires	7
Vehicle fires	2
Dump fires	2
Oil burner fires	3

FRANK F. RICHARDSON, Chief.

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF

To the Selectmen:

Each year there is a demand for a statement on forest fires for publication in the annual town report. It is believed they serve a good purpose in reminding local citizens of the danger from such fires and how they can help prevent them. The following is offered with the respectful request for publication in your town report.

Sincerely,

GUY O. HOLLIS,
District Fire Chief.

Be A Good Citizen — Cooperate

Smoking and debris burning caused more than 50 percent of the forest fires occurring in the state of New Hampshire in 1955 — 235 fires out of a total of 463 originated from these two sources. Lighted smoking material and matches thrown from moving vehicles along the highway or dropped by fishermen, hunters, hikers, berry and flower pickers accounted for 26 percent; debris burning in the wrong place or at the wrong time by those who failed to heed all pleas for safety or refused to recognize the logical, sensible rules and regulations set up under legislative authority governing the use of fire in or near woodlands accounted for more than 24 percent. This is inexcusable.

Everything possible is being done officially to remedy the situation. Since 1909 there has been a statute

on our law books which requires everyone to secure written permission from the local forest fire warden before starting a fire in or near woodlands or where fire can be communicated to woodlands, unless the ground is covered with snow. A never ending program of educational work is being carried on by your local warden and state officials to inform the general public both of the value and necessity of securing the required permit for such burning. Much progress has been made, but there are still many who fail or refuse to cooperate. The value of our permit system was definitely proven in this district during the 1955 calendar year. Local wardens issued 2161 permits for debris burning fires. That's a lot of permits. The records show only 8 permit fires got out of control. This proves several things — while wardens were liberal in the issuance of fire permits, accommodating every applicant so far as possible, they were cautious, following closely directives outlining overall policy governing the issuance of burning permits and thoroughly instructing permit users. The latter, too, fully appreciating their responsibility in using their permits, governed themselves accordingly. Result? Much burning done legally and safe.

But what of the smokers? Despite all the efforts of those officially charged with the responsibility of preventing fires, too many were careless or thoughtless in disposing of smoking material and matches. Why? It is difficult to say. Autos are now equipped with ash trays. Why not use them? The crushing out of a cigar, cigarette and the complete extinguishment of matches before being discarded is an easy chore.

If the costly habits of the careless and indifferent smoker and debris burner could be overcome, more than half of our annual forest fires would be eliminated. Will YOU do YOUR share to bring this about?

Remember

1. Get a written permit from your local warden before starting your debris burning or camp fire. The law requires it.
2. Make certain they are dead out before leaving them.
3. Become a safe smoker by extinguishing smoking material and matches before discarding them.

Be A Good Citizen — Cooperate

GUY O. HOLLIS,

District Fire Chief.

Number of local fires	11
Number of acres burned	6
Number of permits issued	67

FRANK F. RICHARDSON,

Forest Fire Warden.

SEXTON'S REPORT

1955 was one of our hottest and driest Summer seasons for several years. Although we had plenty of water to use in the Meadowview cemetery, we could not cover the whole cemetery, but tried to keep green the Special Care lots and the perpetual Care section in front. The Pump did a fine job until the middle of August, when one of the pistons broke, but was repaired within several days. Also the winter of 1954-55 was so severe we had several freeze-ups that all told made quite a plumbing bill.

The Trustees have had the fence around Meadowview repaired and painted, also the Trustees purchased the new greens that we needed so badly.

The lower side of Cricket Corner cemetery, next to the road was graded and seeded.

The expenses from your \$1350.00 appropriation were as follows:

John Hanlon	\$212 85
Ralph Taylor	64 90
Henry Stockwell	78 10
George Long	22 00
Philip Giles	6 60
Clarence Hagar, tools and truck	811 11
Ernest Medlyn, for resetting stone knocked over	5 00
Paint for tomb	5 00
George Bliss, plumbing	83 23
Fertilizer	4 26
Grass seed	11 25
Harold Aldrich, loam	30 00
Geraniums and petunias	15 70

	\$1350 00

There were 28 burials, 20 from out of town and eight from town.

CLARENCE H. HAGAR,
Sexton.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the accounts of the following Town Officers: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of Library, Clerk of Police Court, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Town Auditors.

February 10, 1956.

WAYS and MEANS COMMITTEE

February 22, 1956

The Ways and Means Committee has carefully considered each item in the Town and School Budgets and each article of the Warrant. It has consulted and heard from individuals, groups, committees, and departments.

This committee has been impressed by the thought, time, and energy which has been expended by all who have had a hand in the preparation of the budgets and articles of the warrant. This committee is especially appreciative of this effort because it has rendered their task less difficult.

In arriving at its recommendations, this committee has attempted to bear in mind the needs of the town both as to the effect upon the tax rate as well as on the benefits which would result.

TOWN WARRANT

ARTICLE 1.

No comment is necessary.

ARTICLE 2.

We recommend approval of each item in the Town Budget except as noted. We offer comment on some of the items.

Town Officers' Expenses: The increase in this item is recommended to provide for Theft and Hold-up Insurance for town officers who transport or retain overnight money received for the account of the town.

Municipal Court: Since receipts from Fines and Forfeitures are carried under Estimated Revenue, an item of expenditure should appear under Expenditures.

Fire Department: We recommend that the amount for this item be increased to \$4000. The recommended increase is for construction of a new water hole and the deepening of existing holes, a routine maintenance operation to return

these holes to something like their original capacity. Provision has been made in this item for the purchase of about \$500 worth of new fire hose. The committee is of the opinion that annual purchase of fire hose should be established routine.

Moth Extermination, Blister Rust and Care of Trees: The increase for this item is based on the fact that most of our large trees are about 100 years old. Experience during the last year has led to the conclusion that four or five of these trees may be expected to die or become diseased each year from now on. The recommended increase is for their removal and, in the case of elms, for their burning.

Civil Defense: It is recommended that no money be raised or appropriated for this item.

Oiling and Summer Maintenance: This committee recommends in concurrence with the Road Commission that the item for Oiling be increased to \$8000 and the item for Summer Maintenance be decreased to \$7000. This will result in no change in the total for Highways and Bridges.

Soldiers' Aid: Based upon past expenditures, which have averaged approximately \$50 per year, it is recommended that the sum raised and appropriated be reduced to \$50.

Finally, the Committee recommends that for future budgets, the item for Rental of Fire Hydrants, which is an annual item, be entered under Protection of Persons and Property and that Repairs to Town Clock be carried under Expenses of Town Hall and Other buildings.

ARTICLES 3 and 4:

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 5:

We recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this purpose.

ARTICLE 6:

Inasmuch as this memorial was initiated by private citizens without expressed intent to obtain contributions from

political sub-divisions of the State, it is recommended that no money be raised or appropriated for this purpose.

ARTICLE 7:

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 8:

We recommend approval of this article as a part of the long-range maintenance program recommended last year by this Committee and approved by the Town.

ARTICLE 9:

We recommend approval of this article. We further recommend that the Town authorize the Selectmen to raise the necessary funds with three-year notes or bonds at the best rate available.

We recommend that the Moderator and the Selectmen appoint a committee of five with suitable representation from the Fire Department; that this committee shall, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal's Office, make recommendations to the Selectmen as to the type, size, and other characteristics of the fire truck to be purchased.

ARTICLE 10:

We recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this article.

ARTICLE 11:

We recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this article. We recommend, however, with the concurrence of the Road Commission, that a long-range rebuilding program be initiated by the Town for black-topped roads which are in bad condition. This Committee recommends that the sum of \$1000 be raised and appropriated for this purpose to be expended as the Selectmen with the advice of The Road Commission deem to be in the best interests of the Town. The Committee further recommends that an annual appropriation be made for the continuance of this program.

ARTICLE 12:

We recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this article.

ARTICLE 13:

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 14:

No comment is necessary.

SCHOOL WARRANT

ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 7:

We recommend approval of each item of the School Budget and offer the following comments on some of them:

Item 11: The increase in this item is for an increase in salary of the full-time janitor and increased employment of the part-time janitor.

Item 22. This item is for providing hot water in the Brick School and for re-plastering work in the Annex.

Item 23: This item is for wall maps, globes, visual aids, and two culvert tiles.

ARTICLES 9 THROUGH 12:

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 13:

We recommend approval. We further recommend that if this instruction prove to be a success during the next school year, this item be incorporated in the regular School Budget thereafter as a part of item 6, Teachers' Salaries.

ARTICLE 14:

We recommend approval of this article and reiterate our recommendation of last year that this item be incorporated in Item 14 of the School Budget, Repairs and Replacements.

ARTICLE 15:

We recommend approval.

DEWEY W. SMITH, Chairman
CARL E. DOANE
ROBERT S. GERARD
LAWRENCE C. HALL
JOHN H. MORISON
WILLIAM C. VOSE
ERNEST L. WARREN

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

The fence around Meadowview Cemetery was painted last spring as planned, and we are grateful to Chester Kiesling for a fine job. The cost was \$900.

In 1953 we sold \$5,000.00 worth of U. S. Treasury bonds, and placed the funds in investment trusts; the increased earnings during the period prior to the date of maturity, more than offset the loss from the sale, and in '55 we sold \$16,000.00 worth of G. Bonds with the expectation of increasing our earnings in a similar manner.

The financial report which follows shows a decrease in the total amount of the trust funds of \$5,000.00 (exclusive of the new funds established this year). This is due to the termination of the Nutt Fund.

The Mary P. Nutt will which established the trust, stipulates that if the Amherst High School be discontinued so that classes are not held for three consecutive years, the bequests shall be forfeited. A petition for instructions was filed with the Superior Court, which issued a decree turning the fund over to the residuum of the estate as directed in the will.

The following disbursements were made from income in 1955:

Amherst Town Library	\$ 291 94
Amherst School District	352 10
Town of Amherst, Highway Maintenance	48 51
Cemetery Improvement and Maintenance	1,187 21
Perpetual Care of Cemetery Lots	934 50
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	\$2,814 26

MERIC G. ARNOLD
BENJAMIN G. BUNDY
HOWARD G. ARNOLD

Trustees of Trust Funds.

Report of Investments of Common Trust Fund "A" of Amherst, N. H., on Dec. 31, 1955

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Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Amherst, N. H. on December 31, 1955

Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME		
			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year
Common Trust Fund "A"	<div> <div>Cemetery</div> <div>Library</div> <div>School</div> <div>Highway</div> <div>School</div> <div>Cemetery</div> <div>Cemetery</div> <div>Cemetery</div> </div>	<div> <div>See Accompanying Reports for Details</div> <div>N. H. Savings Bank</div> <div>Manchester Sav. Bk.</div> <div>Manchester Sav. Bk.</div> <div>Manchester Sav. Bk.</div> </div>	\$61,385.00		\$61,385.00	\$3,702.35	\$2,499.16	\$2,735.76
*Mary P. Nutt School Fd.			5,000.00					
New Funds (B)			1,900.00					
New Funds (B)			1,250.00	\$950.00	4,100.00	55.23	114.58	58.50
New Funds (B)			\$69,535.00	\$950.00	\$65,485.00	\$3,757.58	\$2,613.74	\$2,814.26
								\$3,445.75
								111.31
								\$3,557.06

DETAILS OF NEW FUNDS

Ernest H. Peaslee	\$250.00
Benjamin F. Peterson	150.00
Mathilda F. Peterson	200.00
Henry D. Chisholm	150.00
Melvin A. Small	200.00

*Terminated in accordance with terms of will and decree of the Superior Court 7/21/55.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
For the Year Ending December 31, 1955

Accrued Interest on hand Jan. 1, 1955	
Souhegan National Bank	\$ 261 22
Manchester Savings Bank	1,440 91
Fidelity Fund	2,000 22
Dividends and Interest received in 1955	2,499 16
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	\$6,201 51
Expended in 1955	\$2,755 76
Accrued Interest on hand Dec. 31, 1955	
Souhegan National Bank	399 09
Manchester Savings Bank	1,046 44
Fidelity Fund	2,000 22
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	\$6,201 51

GRADER FUND

On hand January 1, 1955	\$1,299 57
Deposits	222 30
Interest Earned	42 56
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	\$1,564 43

TREE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Dormant Spray used for the first time in late April, was a decided success in curtailing the Elm Beetles, and thus diminishing the rate of spread of the Dutch Elm disease. We urge all land owners to continue their regular Cover Spraying, and where advisable employ the earlier Dormant Spray also.

It has been found necessary to cut, remove and burn five large Elms, either dead or condemned by the State as having the Dutch Elm disease. The cost of this work alone, included in the 1956 budget, was greater than that of the annual spraying.

We were pleased to see our tree planting program continue with five 10-foot Maples started, and ten more contracted for this coming spring.

Pruning was held to a minimum.

In general, most of our trees are old, approximately 100 years. This age, with our relatively poor soil, few middle-growth trees, and recent dry summers, make our program two-fold:

- A. Maintain present trees as long as possible with judicious spraying, pruning and feeding.
- B. Plant a minimum of ten trees yearly, with the intent they will mature sufficiently before the old ones give out.

We urge all property owners to plant Maples in desirable open spaces, and especially to replace any tree downed, with a young one.

As in previous years, we would be pleased to be of assistance within our ability on any individual tree problem.

Respectfully submitted,

CREELEY S. BUCHANAN,
F. TENNEY CLOUGH,
ROBERT W. SEAMANS, Chairman.

January 25, 1956

Financial Report
BUDGET REQUEST — 1956

Dormant Spray, 50 Elms—late April	\$ 150 00
Regular Cover Spray, Village and Ponemah— late May	210 00
Second Cover Spray if necessary—late June	100 00

	\$ 450 00
Feed six giant Elms, Main Street	110 00
General trimming	300 00
Planting ten Maples, includes preparing ground	220 00
Cutting, removing and burning five diseased Elms; one dead Elm; 1 hazardous Maple	400 00

	\$1480 00

January 25, 1956

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL OF ZONING ORDINANCE

During the period from the date of my appointment to the end of the calendar year 1955, there were nineteen applications on which permits were granted as follows:

Dwelling houses	8
Additions to houses	2
Accessory buildings	2
Roadside stand	1
Poultry house	1
Signs	5

With one exception, the sign applications were for the erection of signs in excess of the size or not for a purpose for which I am authorized to issue permits and appeals were taken from my refusal to the Board of Zoning Adjustment which in all cases authorized the issuance of permits.

BENJAMIN B. PIPER,
Administrative Official.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Amherst's roads survived 1955's several floods with relatively little damage due to washing which proves that your Long Range program has minimized the washing of our hill roads. This winter's weather with its excessive frost depth and the January thaw has caused rather widespread minor troubles, the full extent of which will not be known until settled warm weather returns.

In 1955 the T. R. A. construction included the completion of the Chestnut Hill project and the excavation work and graveling on the Junkins road. The balance of the funds were divided between the Austin and Greene roads which allowed for some preliminary excavation and widening work on sections which in the past have given trouble in the removal of snow. The initial oiling of the Thornton Ferry road was done with funds from the oiling appropriation.

For 1956 we recommend that T. R. A. funds be used for improvement of several short gaps in the hard road system, plus additional graveling of some of the feeder roads. We recommend that a minimum of \$1500. of the T. R. A. funds be used strictly for graveling, and that this sum be set up as a separate account in the T. R. A. bookkeeping.

It would appear that possibly as soon as 1957, Amherst should plan to apply a substantial portion of its T. R. A. funds toward the oiling appropriation. The oiling appropriation has remained at \$7500. for several years and since the black road mileage has increased each year, it is obvious that the oiling program has to be stretched to a point where we are not properly maintaining our considerable investment in hard surfaced roads.

This report would not be complete if we failed to pay tribute to Richard W. Weston. He had been a member of the Road Commission since its inception and his

was a genuine interest in and a thorough knowledge of Amherst's roads. He was always willing to devote generously of his time and energy to the duties of the office.

Respectfully submitted,

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

The library continues to be a very busy place even though the total circulation is slightly less than that of last year.

Over a period of five years, the increased use of the library indicates that more people, and particularly children, have benefited by this service, which is available to everyone. One noticeable factor is the increased demand for reference books and material. In an effort to meet this need, the library has recently purchased a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

During 1955, 424 books have been added to the library. Of these, 134 were classified as adult fiction, 47 as adult non-fiction, 184 as juvenile fiction, and 59 as juvenile non-fiction. Twenty magazines and one newspaper are available to borrowers.

The circulation the past year has been as follows:

Adult fiction	3923	Juvenile fiction	5361
Adult non-fiction	710	Juvenile non-fiction	1781
Adult magazines	1094		----
	----		7142
	5727		

Grand total circulation: 12,869

Through the service of the State Bookmobile, 460 books were loaned to the library, which helps greatly to supplement our own supply of material.

During the summer, a weekly story hour for the younger children was conducted by Miss Nancy Howe. It was well attended and very much enjoyed by the children. I hope that it may be continued another summer.

The library wishes to express its appreciation to the following for their gifts of money, magazines, and books:

Miss Bertha Rogers, Mr. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. David

Payson, Mrs. Ernest Peaslee, Mrs. Robert Seamans, Mr. Creeley Buchanan, and to the Women's Association of the Congregational Church for a book in memory of Mrs. Janet Winey.

Two important legacies have been received in the course of the year, one from the estate of Miss Mary B. Upham and one from the estate of Miss Ethel Putnam.

By the will of the late Miss Putnam, the Amherst Library was to be the recipient of all or part of her vast collection of books. About 200 books were chosen by the Librarian and the Trustees. For many years Miss Putnam had been keenly interested in the Amherst Library and had made gifts of money to be used toward the purchase of new books.

In September, Miss Bertha Piper submitted her resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees. Miss Piper had served on the Board for over thirty years, and it is needless to say that her resignation was accepted with genuine regret. Mrs. Lawrence Hall was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by her resignation.

The Librarian wishes to thank the Trustees for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
MARION U. NELSON.

January 10, 1956

Treasurer's Report

January 10, 1956

The Selectmen
Amherst, N. H.

Dear Sirs:

The Trustees of the Town Library request an appropriation for 1956 of \$1800.00, the same amount as for last year. Had it not been for an increase in "gifts, fines and sales of books" of nearly \$100, the appropriation would not have sufficed. The circulation continues high and we anticipate increased expendi-

tures, but we trust that our miscellaneous income will be maintained.

The list of Library Trustees is:

Bertha L. Piper (resigned)	1 Year
Elizabeth Hall	Serving Temporarily
Rev. Frank M. Weiskel	1 Year
Henry F. Merrill	2 Years
Margaret Seamans	2 Years
Cleaveland J. Campbell	3 Years
Margaret Moser	3 Years

Herewith the Treasurer's report for 1955:

RECEIPTS

January 1, 1955, cash on hand	\$ 321 84
Appropriation	1800 00
Trust Funds — 1954 additional income	76 94
Trust Funds — 1955 income	215 00
Misc., gifts, fines, and sales of books	229 03
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	\$2642 81

DISBURSEMENTS

Books	\$1115 34
Magazines	77 17
Salaries	747 13
Lights	38 15
Buildings and grounds	76 50
Fuel	169 70
Supplies	22 15
Upkeep	18 30
Dec. 31, 1955, cash on hand	378 37
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	\$2642 81

MARY B. UPHAM FUND

Estate of Mary B. Upham	\$5341 34
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This legacy was received in August and the Trustees are investigating the question of installing a new

oil-burning heating system to replace the old and inefficient coal-burning hot air furnace, and of altering the partitions so as to combine the two front rooms and provide a reading room.

Yours very truly,
HENRY F. MERRILL,
Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL COURT

The past year was a routine year for the Amherst Municipal Court.

The one exception is a criminal case involving evidence obtained by wire tapping. The questions involved being novel in New Hampshire, have been transferred to the Supreme Court for ruling.

CHARLES J. LINCOLN,

WILLIAM C. VOSE,

Justices.

Municipal Court

March 29, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Number of cases	52	
Motor Vehicle violations	41	
Fish and Game violations	3	
Juvenile and other offenses	8	
	Dr.	
Total fines received		\$760 00
	Cr.	
State of New Hampshire:		
Motor Vehicle Department	\$423 00	
Fish and Game Department	58 50	
Town Treasurer	272 60	
Sheriff's fees	5 40	
	-----	\$759 50
Balance due Town		50

		\$760 00

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT
WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Amherst Village District in
the County of Hillsborough in said State
qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Amherst
Town Hall in said Amherst on Friday, the sixteenth
day of March, next at eight of the clock in the after-
noon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for
the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be neces-
sary to defray District charges for the ensuing year and
make appropriations of the same.
3. To transact any other business which may legal-
ly come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this tenth day of
February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred
and fifty-six.

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER
CARL E. PETERSON,
F. TENNEY CLOUGH,
Commissioners of Amherst Village District.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BUDGET

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

Compared to

Estimated and Actual Receipts and Expenditures of the Previous
Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

RECEIPTS

	Estimated 1955	Received 1955	Estimated 1956
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 785.60
Reserve	562.86	562.86	1,000.00
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Total cash on hand	\$ 1,562.86	\$ 1,562.86	\$ 1,785.60
Income water service, prior yr.	\$ 1,907.35	\$ 1,907.35	\$ 2,272.28
Income water service, current yr.	2,750.00	2,854.21	2,850.00
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Total income water service	\$ 4,657.35	\$ 4,761.56	\$ 5,122.28
Hydrant rental	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 1,365.00
Precinct tax	5,657.65	5,657.65	*5,242.72
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Total Receipts	\$13,242.86	\$13,347.07	\$13,515.60

EXPENDITURES

Bonds called and cancelled	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Bond interest	3,150.00	3,150.00	3,015.00
Superintendent's salary	500.00	500.00	500.00
Tax Collector's salary	50.00	50.00	50.00
Accounting	100.00	100.00	100.00
Meters	150.00	24.36	250.00
Electricity	1,000.00	907.57	1,000.00
Operating supplies & maintenance	175.00	282.10	300.00
Service connections	275.00	294.50	250.00
Water tests (express charges)	10.00	11.20	15.00
Office supplies and printing	70.00	50.80	50.00
Insurance	125.00	100.75	125.00
Fire alarm maintenance	75.00	58.54	75.00
Reserve	562.86	1,000.00	1,000.00
Cash on hand December 31, 1955	1,000.00	785.60	785.60
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Total Expenditures	\$13,242.86	\$13,347.07	\$13,515.60

*To be raised by taxes in 1956

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1955

ASSETS

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1955	\$1,785 60	
Accounts Receivable, including December 31 bills	2,272 28	
Total Current Assets	-----\$	4,057 88
Water System		
Land and buildings	\$ 679 60	
Wells, pump, mains, etc.	147,931 29	
Non capital exp. (interest)	2,321 42	

	\$150,932 31	
Receipts	63 00	

	\$150,869 31	
Fire Alarm System	6,700 00	
Total Fixed Assets	-----	157,569 31

Total Assets		\$161,627 19

LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	\$137,000 00	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	24,627 19	
	-----	\$161,627 19

RANDOLPH KRUGER,
Treasurer.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

The water district has had an additional growth in the past year of 11 new services, bringing the total number of users to 142. This reflects a steady increase since its completion five years ago.

The district is anticipating approximately 10 additional subscribers in 1956 at an estimated cost of \$500 for connections and meters. This projection includes nearly all the remaining residences within the present district limits.

Last summer when there was a general threat of water shortages in this area, residents of the district were most cooperative in keeping the water usage to a minimum as a precaution. However there was an adequate supply, and it emphasizes the value of a central water system that there was sufficient water for all normal purposes and an ample supply for fire protection purposes.

Periodic checks are made by the State Board of Health on the water and the commissioners have had special tests made after the floods of last summer and fall to check on possible contamination. These reports were all favorable.

After giving commendable service to the water district as superintendent since its inception, Harold Aldrich is resigning this year, and Richard Crocker has been appointed to fill the position. Harold has served well, giving generously of his time and abilities.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL E. PETERSON,

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,

F. TENNEY CLOUGH,

Commissioners.

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Officers

Curtis Worthen, School Board	Term Expires 1956
Mrs. Dorothy Davis, School Board	Term Expires 1957
Kenneth Goodwin, School Board	Term Expires 1958
Harold C. Bowley	Superintendent
Everett Rockwell	Principal
Mrs. Catherine Kruger	Clerk and Treasurer
Creeley S. Buchanan	Moderator
Oscar Burns, M.D.	School Physician
Mrs. Virginia Gill, R.N.	School Nurse
Mrs. Dorothy Davis	Truant Officer
Mabel I. Connolly	Helping Teacher

School Calendar for 1955-56

Begin	Close
Wed., September 7, 1955	Wed., December 21, 1955
Tuesday, January 3, 1956	Friday, February 17, 1956
Monday, February 27, 1956	Friday, April 20, 1956
Monday, April 30, 1956	Approximately June 13, 1956
Holidays:	
October 13-14 — Teachers' Convention	
November 24-25 — Thanksgiving	
School closes at 12:15, November 23, 1955	
May 30 — Memorial Day	

School Calendar for 1956-1957

Begin	Close
Wed., September 5, 1956	Friday, December 21, 1956
Wed., January 2, 1957	Friday, February 15, 1957
Monday, February 24, 1957	Friday, April 19, 1957
Monday, April 29, 1957	Approximately June 11, 1957
Holidays:	
October 18-19 — Teachers' Convention	
November 22-23 — Thanksgiving	
School closes at 12:15, November 21, 1956	
May 30 — Memorial Day	

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the Town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 9th day of March 1956, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sums of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the district the benefits

of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 101 of the Revised Statutes Annotated Amended by Chapters 301 and 332 of the Laws of 1955 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$145.00 to defray the district's share of the cost thereof.

10. To see if the district wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions filled by popular election.

11. To see if the district wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions the compensation for which is on a fee basis.

12. If a plan for Social Security coverage is adopted, to see if the district will authorize the School Board to execute on behalf of the district the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the district will designate the district Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

13. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate \$700 for the purpose of continuing band and/or orchestra instruction in the schools.

14. To see if the district will raise and appropriate \$400 to continue the planned program of renovating the grounds and outside facilities of the schools.

15. To see if the district will raise and appropriate \$500 to continue the black-top area on the playgrounds.

16. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 13th day of February, 1956.

CURTIS R. WORTHEN,
DOROTHY J. DAVIS,
KENNETH GOODWIN

School Board.

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT, 1955 **EXPENDITURES**

Current Expenditures	\$90,099 83
Capital Outlay:	
New Equipment	740 00
Additions and Improvements	1,000 00
Debt and Interest	9,203 15
Special Appropriations	
Ground Improvements	400 00
Music Instruction	500 00
Total Appropriation	----- \$101,942 98

RECEIPTS

State Aid, (Estimate)	\$ 2,000 00
Trust Funds (Estimate)	430 00
Other Receipts (Estimate)	1,500 00
Assessment Required to Meet	
School District Appropriation	98,012 98**
Total Appropriation	----- \$101,942 98

**Changed to \$99,239.50 by State Tax Commission to make up for loss in State Aid of \$2,000 less unincumbered balance of \$773.48.

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Amherst School district held March 4, 1955.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER
(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955)

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Treasurer,
In account with the School District of Amherst

Dr.	
Balance as per last report	\$ 21 49
Board of Selectmen:	
Appropriation as of March 1954	89,896 89
Federal Funds	1,480 18
Other:	
Income from Trust Funds	352 10
Other Income	281 85
	<hr/> \$92,032 51
Cr.	
Payments on order of School Board	\$91,259 03
Cash on hand June 30, 1955	733 48
	<hr/> \$92,032 51

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all
State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Amherst, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors

BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR — 1956-1957

	Working Budget 1955-56	Proposed Budget 1956-57
Administration:		
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00*
2. Supt's Salary (local share)	840.00	963.50*
3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision	742.00	784.00*
4. Salaries of other Adm. Personnel	1,000.00	1,038.50*
5. Supplies and Administrative Expenses	520.00	561.50*
	\$ 3,434.00	\$ 3,679.50
Instruction:		
6. Principals' and Teachers' Salaries	41,150.00	43,200.00
7. Books and Other Instructional Aids	1,228.00	1,260.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	1,535.00	1,575.00
10. Supplies and Other Instructional Exp.	700.00	725.00
	44,613.00	46,760.00
Operation of School Plant:		
11. Salaries of Janitors	2,800.00	3,200.00
12. Fuel or Heat	2,100.00	2,100.00
13. Water, Light, Janitor Supplies	1,250.00	1,250.00
	6,150.00	6,550.00
Maintenance of School Plant:		
14. Repairs and Replacements	1,035.00	300.00
	1,035.00	300.00
Auxiliary Activities:		
15. Health Supervision	643.51	649.94
16. Transportation	10,500.00	10,500.00
17. Tuition	18,750.00	18,000.00
18. Special Activities and Special Funds	200.00	200.00
	30,093.51	29,349.94

Fixed Charges:			
19. Retirement	2,708.84	2,976.21*	
20. Insurance, Bonds and Expenses	1,065.48	989.64	3,965.85

		3,774.32	
Capital Outlay:			
22. Additions & Improvements to Bldgs.	1,255.00	1,200.00	
23. New Equipment	485.00	620.00	1,820.00

		1,740.00	
Other Charges:			
25. Principal of Debt	8,000.00	8,000.00	
26. Interest on Debt	1,203.15	989.39	
27. Contingency	1,500.00	1,500.00	
28. Grounds	400.00	00.00	

		11,103.15	10,489.39

		\$101,942.98	\$102,914.68

TOTAL

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT:

Balance	\$ 773.48	\$ 3,000.00	
Trust Funds	430.00	430.00	
State Building Fund		1,600.00	
Contingency Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	

	\$ 2,703.48	\$ 6,530.00	
Assessment needed March 1955	99,239.50		96,384.68
Assessment needed March 1956			

		\$101,942.98	\$102,914.68

*Statutory Obligations

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS WORTHEN,
DOROTHY DAVIS,
KENNETH GOODWIN,
School Board of Amherst.

Note: Numbers at the left agree with financial accounting forms approved by State Tax Commission. Omissions indicate that we do not use the omitted columns.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Herewith is presented the annual report of the Amherst School Board:

Your board believes it is redundant but necessary to urge constantly that you acquaint yourselves with the job of running our school. While Amherst citizens have in the past shown a healthy regard and interest, we do suffer somewhat from apathy. An intelligent, enlightened citizenry, aware of the schools, their performance, problems and needs, naturally results in improved schools. How long has it been since you visited school?

The problem of teacher-pupil ratio was solved when we hired a third teacher for grades seven and eight. We now have 12 teachers for the eight grades, giving each teacher between 21-29 pupils, excepting grade 3 with 31. With the census indicating approximately 40 first graders for the next five years, we are in no danger of overcrowding. The Nashua road may be in a building boom. If the rumor of a housing development in that area materializes, we may be forced to consider building, but presently, that is, for the next two to three years, we can easily absorb a rise in registration.

Although the problems of accommodation and teacher-pupil ratio are not with us, we face along with the nation the serious effects of the well known teacher shortage. We must expect the salary scale to spiral. The board congratulates the superintendent on filling our staff capably and well. We extend to our principal and our teachers sincere thanks for the work they are doing with and for our children. We appreciate the interest PTA shows in the welfare of the pupils by sponsoring the School Lunch program and by the gifts of money for play equipment.

The total registration of pupils, both in our elementary grades and as tuition pupils in Milford, must gradu-

ally rise as each grade averages in the middle to late thirties. For the past three years the enrollment in the local grades has been just under 300. We can count 315 for September 1956. Contrary to the projections of numbers made over the last five years, the number of tuition pupils has not climbed. In 1954-55 there was an average of 63 pupils. As of January 15, 1956 there were 60 tuition pupils, yet when we made up the budget a year ago, we could count 77 pupils for the fall of 1955. The reasons for the reduction are not unusual while they are unpredictable: families moving from town, attendance at private schools, and quitting school for work, marriage, or the armed services. The board can announce that at least \$2500.00 will be turned back to the town in June from the allowance in the budget for tuition.

We should like to point out to you taxpayers that the valuation of our town upon which our eligibility for State Aid is based has jumped in two years from, in round figures, \$3,400,000 to more than \$6,000,000. In the budget for those items which we share with the other four towns in the union the apportionment is as follows: Amherst, 20.5; Brookline, 6.5; Hollis, 16.0; Milford, 52.5; and Mont Vernon, 4.5. This division is figured on 50% average daily membership and 50% equalized valuation.

The board wishes to call your attention to the School Lunch program, mentioned earlier, which is under new personnel this year and which is serving an average of 130 children each day. Mrs. Gordon Mann and Mrs. Lynn Woods,, assisted by one volunteer adult worker, are in charge of the meals. The School Lunch committee of PTA has arranged for the transportation to and from the Clark School every noon of the first four grades, the only fee being the meal to the bus driver from Clark's Garage. An invitation is open to visit the Town Hall any noon to learn how the federal food

surplus is utilized locally and how our children get far more than their \$1.25's worth.

Having a real interest in improving and enriching the education of our children, the board requests your careful consideration of the program of instruction in musical instruments and the formation of a band. This project has been sponsored somewhat by PTA, but entirely studied, worked over and on by the efforts of two interested citizens, Mrs. Max Holland and Mrs. Clark Stewart. Like any project, new to a community, it has had its ups and downs. We suggest you talk not only with the committee, but with several parents of the children who have participated in this pioneer program. The board recommends sympathetic patience and an enlightened support of this excellent addition to the enriched education of the Amherst youngsters, but emphasizes the importance of your acquainting yourselves with its aim and future.

In closing, the board repeats, visit your school, study the budget to see how and why the amount requested for appropriation is what it is, and express by your vote the kind of public school education you desire for our boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS R. WORTHEN, Chairman

DOROTHY J. DAVIS, Secretary

KENNETH M. GOODWIN

ADMINISTRATION

I herewith present my seventeenth Annual Report. Statistics printed on other pages are also a part of this report.

Instruction

The teaching staff had three changes from the previous year. Mr. Sanborn, Miss Harmon and Mrs. Gordon decided to cast their lot with other systems or because of health. Mr. Romuald Sinkervitch, formerly of Nashua; Mrs. Wilene Knight, a recent graduate of Tufts College; and Mrs. Eva Gagnon of Amherst were selected as replacements. Then, pursuant to the requirements imposed by the budget voted last March, a new teacher was added to the Junior high program — Miss Nancy Heath — a recent graduate of Plymouth Teachers College and an Art teacher in the person of Mrs. Natalie Fleming of Milford was employed for one day per week. A special article in the warrant was voted to employ a part-time musical instrument teacher with Mr. Ray Bartlett of Nashua filling this role. This appears to be quite a turn-over but the results have not been too bad because the veteran members of the staff have helped greatly to aid the new members in orienting them to this system. The junior high program has been a satisfactory advance and, besides giving more time for teachers to work in their specialties, it releases the Principal for administrative duties between the two buildings.

I also wish to call your attention to the most successful workshop which has been conducted in this Union. For two days and an evening, the teachers of this area participated in a conference on "Current Events for Teachers", a program which they themselves planned and executed. Principal Rockwell and Mr. DeLacey acted as co-chairmen and the success of the sessions is a tribute to their tireless efforts. As you may know, we had able Consultants from various colleges and

other institutions to lead the discussions. A bulletin, giving the recorders' notes, has been published and distributed. This whole subject was a sort of a "pilot" project for the State — it being unique from all the others previously attempted. You can see that I am proud of the staff and feel that the carry-over to everyday teaching will last for a long time to come.

Costs

A new law, enacted by the last General Court, prescribes the maximum liability of a School District not maintaining a high school as the average per pupil cost of all the high schools in the State or the average cost of the receiving school, whichever is less. Another provision empowers the State Board of Education to estimate these costs on the basis of the previous year's costs. Since those costs for 1956-57 cannot thus be determined accurately until after June 30, 1956, we do not know what these costs may be but the State Office freely predicts that the state high school cost will be \$330 and the elementary \$215 per pupil. I hear predictions from many sources that the rising trend will prevail for quite a while yet.

Another new law provides for approximately 20% state aid for building construction. You will see that an estimate appears under Revenue as your share of this fund for next year. There is no aid on interest payments, just on the principal.

Deeds

Many new improvements grace your plant this year. First, considerable interior decorating was done last summer. Then, the grounds were improved for playground purposes, much hot-top added to provide basketball court and protection for the new Clark School building as well as play area.

To Come

I list these possibilities for your consideration:

Fence around the Clark School area

Installation of oil burner at Village School
Roof at Village School

Closing

“Good teachers do not just happen. They are the product of the highest personal motivation, encouraged and helped in their work by adequate salaries and the respect, support, goodwill of their neighbors. The quality of American teachers has never been better. But the rewards of too many teachers are not commensurate with their work and their role in American life. It is my earnest hope that, along with progress in other aspects of education, the states and communities will give increasing attention to this tap-root of all education — good teachers, and hence good teaching.” This is a quotation from none other than President Eisenhower.

Good schools just do not happen. They require planning, hard work and adequate finances. Expenditure still is a good criterion of what kind of a school you have.

I am very thankful for the efforts of all my associates, including Miss Connolly, the teachers, the School Board. My contacts with the community have been very rewarding.

Very respectfully,
HAROLD C. BOWLEY,
Superintendent of Schools.

January 27, 1956

OUR HELPING TEACHER

Purpose — to Help

The purpose, as previously reported, which underlies the work of the Helping Teacher continues to be the same — to help. Areas where help is needed remain basically the same but vary from time to time in the amount required. Help is available, but to be effective the teachers should desire it. Whenever they seek to improve their methods of instruction or acquire ideas or materials which will aid them in doing a better job then the Helping Teacher attempts to provide such help.

It is through classroom visitations that most needs become apparent and assistance is requested. How is help given? Mostly through individual conferences which follow the classroom visits, through group conferences and participation in teachers meetings, and sometimes through demonstration teaching. It is hoped that material contained in the monthly **Helping Teacher's Bulletin** also contributes. This includes such items of interest to the teachers in this union as results of surveys, sharing teaching techniques, reviews of professional books and magazine articles, and sources of help. A handbook has been made available to teachers of the first grade. Its purpose is to present a coordinated program and state the general aims and goals of the grade. It should prove helpful to all, but especially those who are beginning.

Often the help that is requested concerns the child directly and has to do with his adjustment and the school program. This may involve giving the child one or more tests to better understand his needs and having conferences with his parents, teachers and others.

Scope of Program

Many phases of the Helping Teacher's program have been described in previous reports. The most im-

portant might be listed as follows: scheduling, curriculum development and coordination, testing, guidance, developing methods of instruction, classroom visitation, pupil grouping, participation in conferences and other meetings, role of counselor, consultant, organizer and resource person. At present this includes working with about 50 teachers and 1400 pupils throughout the union.

Specifics

I would like to report in some detail about a few specific phases of the program.

Pupil grouping as based on the results of the reading readiness tests seems to be paying big dividends. Where this was followed in last year's first grade the progress made in reading was quite accelerated and the second grade teachers this year have noticed a decided increase in reading achievement. It should be noted here that we have a common reading system in this union in which phonics has a definite role. Other subjects which are coordinated on a union-wide basis are language, social studies, and handwriting.

A recent survey of handwriting in grades four, five, six and twelve shows results that may be termed as higher than average. The handwriting system we use starts out as manuscript and by the fourth grade works into the cursive.

Evaluating the children's work and reporting to parents has always been a major problem. This past year a committee made up of parents and teachers developed a new elementary school report card which, with revisions suggested by parents and teachers during a trial run, has been adopted for the time being. Another such committee developed one for the junior-senior high schools. A poll of parents showed a total of 86% in favor of the new junior-senior high school card. Of the 1412 returns in the elementary school poll before revision, 60% favored the new card. We agree that

no perfect instrument of evaluating and reporting to parents has yet been devised. However, the method used to evolve the cards for Union No. 40 gave all who participated a better understanding of the problems faced by the pupil, teacher, and parent in their interpretation.

Availability

To be of greatest help your Helping Teacher must be available whenever and wherever needed, and may be directly contacted every morning before 9:30 at the Superintendent's office. After that the contact may be made through the office. Sometimes a problem requires immediate attention, but usually a teacher has a list of questions and needs which are taken care of after the regular classroom visit. One may correctly infer from this that the teacher who asks for the most help receives the most.

My effectiveness may be measured only by the amount of help I am able to give. In this case giving and receiving are integrated, as my efforts would be in vain without the help and cooperation received from the parents, teachers, principals, members of the school boards, and Mr. Bowley. I am very grateful.

Respectfully,
MABEL I. CONNOLLY,
Helping Teacher.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I present herewith my second annual report of the Amherst Elementary Schools.

We have 300 students in 12 classes for an average of 25 per room. There are three rooms of split grades with a likelihood of four with a seven-eight split necessary next year.

Your PTA is again sponsoring Hot Lunch, Dental Inspection, Instrumental Music and many worthwhile meetings.

An innovation at Brick School is Student Government. We have a Student Council with officers elected by the student body. We have run into situations where, "A Thorn of experience is better than a wasteland of warning". This painful process of being democratic takes much actual practice. The change from "me" to "we" in some cases never takes place. We hope Student Government will aid the process.

We wish the "right of the people to peaceably assemble" could be practiced more through a community building of the auditorium-gymnasium line. The development of the body has been encouraged in bi-weekly physical education periods in the upper grades. This would be more beneficial if we had facilities for cold and bad weather activities.

Please visit school.

"The listener, not the speaker, is primarily responsible for any learning which may take place". This is not the complete picture in the case of student and teacher but in the student eyes I think it should be. Of course we have our responsibility but a student should put up his strength at all times with never a doubt. Students do come home with stories that make school a dark place but it's a natural procedure. Your faculty has been trained in the proper educational practices and is trying to do their best for your child. We want to

hear your comments but we want your complete cooperation to maintain Johnny's position as a learner. In order to maintain this feeling you need to transmit the utmost confidence to him that we do the right thing. If you have doubts we'll be glad to talk them over with you. Try to put yourself in the teacher's place when Johnny talks and then come to see us as a parent.

This preceding paragraph lays the groundwork for the statement that the propagation (meaning a, Webster's Collegiate) of youth and the propagation (meaning b,) of knowledge for them is our heritage. There is much discussion of the cost of things and little of value. When a man can pull down a sizable fee for the ability to manipulate a repetitious machine and management is glad to furnish the factory, machine pay, and fringe benefits it seems odd that this very important job of teaching school, gets the economy move. A machine can be brought into production when and where one chooses that one wants to finance it. Humans must be brought through a continuous and ever-growing process by people who have very precise qualities. At no place in this process can interruption take place without serious result. Roads can be caught by such Federal action as is now taking place. If we slip in education, who will have the insight to pick it up? It turns to decline. Amherst needs to put through to the nurture of youth through confident forward motion.

May I express my great appreciation of Superintendent Bowley, Miss Connolly, School Board, Faculty, and all those who have helped this year speed through its course.

Sincerely,

EVERETT O. ROCKWELL,
Principal

AMHERST SCHOOL MEETING – MARCH 4, 1955

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Arthur Bonney at 8:15 p. m., March 4, 1955. Rev. Frank M. Weiskel invoked the blessing.

School clerk, Catherine Kruger read the Warrant.

Article 1. Creeley S. Buchanan was unanimously elected as Moderator for the coming year.

Article 2. Catherine A. Kruger was unanimously elected as School Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. Kenneth Goodwin was unanimously elected as Member of School Board for three years.

Article 4. Catherine A. Kruger was unanimously elected as Treasurer for one year.

Article 5. Moved and seconded to pass this article and consider it under Article 8. Carried.

Article 6. Curtis Worthen moved and it was seconded that the reports of agents, Auditors and Committee be accepted. Carried

Article 7. Dorothy Davis moved and it was seconded that the same Auditors nominated for the Town be chosen to serve as Auditors for the School District. Carried. They are George H. Howard and Orson H. Bragdon.

Article 8. Before this article was taken up, Mr. Alfred Conrad asked to have the floor and speak on the amount of budget to be raised and objected to the amount in view of the fact that there will be less students. Mrs. Marjorie Heaton expressed a vote of confidence in behalf of the School Board members, and also Ways and Means Committee. Mr. George Hammond stated that all items in the Warrant had been thoroughly explored .

Moved and seconded that the Auditors receive \$10 for their services instead of the usual \$2.00. Carried.

Moved and seconded that with this additional amount, that \$3434.00 be raised under Items 1 to 5, namely administration.

Under item #6 Mr. Alfred Conrad asked to have Teachers' Salaries broken down and after an explanation, made a motion that the same amount of \$34,900 as raised in 1954 be raised this year. This amendment not carried. The original motion that \$40,650 be raised for Teachers Salaries was carried. The amount of \$44,113.00 under items 6-10 Instruction, was carried.

Item 11-13 Operation of School Plant, moved and seconded that \$6,150.00 be raised for this purpose, was carried. Under Item #14 Kenneth Goodwin explained that this was to be reduced and moved that \$1,035.00 be raised instead of \$2,300.00 as printed in the budget. Carried.

All other items from 15-27 were voted to be raised as printed in the Budget and Kenneth Goodwin moved that the total sum of \$101,042.98 be raised and appropriated.

Article 9. F. Tenney Clough moved to pass this article. Carried.

Article 10. Mrs. Clara Holland moved that the sum \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing band and/or orchestra instructions in the school. Carried.

Article 11. Robert Seamans moved and it was seconded that the sum of \$400.00 be raised and appropriated to commence planned program of renovating the grounds and outside facilities of the Schools. Carried.

Creeley S. Buchanan, Kenneth Goodwin and Catherine Kruger took the oath.

Article 12. Mrs. Nelle L. Holmes commended the School Board for having the minutes of the previous School Meeting printed in the Town Report. Creeley Buchanan asked to have Mr. Bowley give a statement as to whether Milford High School is an accredited School and gave the number A-6 as the rating. He

expressed his regret if any of the Amherst students or parents had been insulted. Mr. George Hammond, Roland Fraser, Edward Walsh and Marjorie Heaton had questions to ask of Mr. Bowley. All were answered.

Mr. Harold Wilkins, Sr., moved to give Arthur Bonney the retiring Moderator a vote of thanks. Mr. Bonney expects to leave Amherst in the near future. He was given a hearty round of applause and a rising vote by those present.

Mrs. Nelle L. Holmes made mention of a State Conference being held sometime in the near future and suggested the curriculum be brought before this body.

No further business, it was moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs.) CATHERINE A. KRUGER
Clerk of Amherst School District,

1955 REPORT OF THE ENUMERATOR

The law states that all children from birth through eighteen years residing in Amherst as of September first shall be enumerated or counted in the school census.

This year the total number of children was 624. In comparison, in 1953, 577; in 1954, 594. A yearly increase of 20-30 would seem to be indicated.

Of the 624 children 65 were at Milford High School and 296 were enrolled locally in the first eight grades.

The census showed that we could expect almost 40 in the first grade for the next five years. The records revealed that there were 22 children, from ten through 18 years, who were attending school not in Amherst or at Milford High School. Thirty-five families moved away in the course of the year; 47 families were new, a gain of 12 households.

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY J. DAVIS.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF
AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD**
(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955)

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$92,032 51
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$91,259 03

Cash Balance, June 30, 1955	\$ 773 48
RECEIPTS IN DETAIL	
Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	\$ 1,480 18
From Selectmen Raised by Taxation:	
Current Appropriation	89,896 89
From Sources other than Taxation:	
Trust Funds	352 10
Other Receipts	281 85

Total Receipts From All Sources	\$92,011 02
Cash on Hand July 1, 1954	21 49

GRAND TOTAL	\$92,032 51

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all
State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Amherst of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

PAYMENTS IN DETAILS
July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

ADMINISTRATION

1. Salaries of District Officers:

Curtis Worthen, School Board	\$75 00	
Dorothy Davis, School Board	75 00	
Kenneth Goodwin, School Board	75 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, Treasurer	75 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, Clerk	6 00	
Arthur Bonney, Jr., Moderator	6 00	
Orson H. Bragdon, Auditor	2 00	
George H. Howard, Auditor	2 00	
	-----	\$316 00

2. Superintendent's Salary (Local Share):

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40	661 20
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3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision:

State Treasurer, \$2 per capita Tax	674 00
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4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:

Dorothy Davis, census enumerator	\$ 50 00	
Dorothy Davis, truant officer	25 00	
Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40, office clerk and Helping Teacher	696 00	
	-----	771 00

5. Supplies and Expenses:

Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40, office expenses and travel	\$412 04	
Conference, expenses, advertising, printing, etc.	201 26	
	-----	613 30

6. Principal's and Teachers' Salaries:

Charlotte A. Boutelle	\$3000 00
Rachel Brown	3000 00
Lionel E. DeLacey	2800 00
Eva B. Gagnon	27 00
Pauline T. Gordon	3200 00

Sarah Greenhalgh	3000 00	
Leona Harmon	3200 00	
Elma Kittredge	3000 00	
Mary Marcelonis	183 31	
Mary McGee	3173 00	
Margaret Mesle	9 00	
Margaret Moser	9 00	
Mrs. Otto Neugebauer	9 00	
Dorothy Paire	2928 00	
Everett Rockwell	4000 00	
Harry J. Sanborn	3000 00	
Lottie Stevenson	67 50	
Elsie F. Wheeler	500 00	
	-----	**35,326 31

**This amount includes deductions for:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield	\$ 340 80
Income Tax	4420 10
Retirement	2619 00
Insurance	225 29

7. Textbooks:

Elementary	1014 70
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8. Scholars' Supplies:

Elementary	879 24
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10. Other Expenses of Instruction:

Catherine Hammond, lip-reading	\$180 00	
Other expenses	475 05	
	-----	655 05

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

11. Salary of Janitor:

William S. Wells	\$2200 00**	
Robert Hancock	366 82	
	-----	2,566 82

**This amount includes deductions for:

Income Tax	\$115 20
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12. Fuel or Heat	1,825 86
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13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	1,143	94
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MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

14. Repairs and Replacements	1,077	83
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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

15. Health Supervision	541	97
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16. Transportation:

High School	\$3442	00
Elementary	4680	00
	-----	8,122 00

17. Tuition:

Milford School District	17,145	50
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18. Other Special Activities:

School Lunch	\$1480	18
Other Special Activities	185	65
	-----	1,665 83

FIXED CHARGES

19. Retirement	2,456	74
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20. Insurance	1,114	70
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CAPITAL OUTLAY

21. Lands and New Buildings	2,100	00
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23. New Equipment:

Acme Window Shade and Venetian Blind Co.	\$ 187	00
Boston Sign Company	283	88
Duff Manufacturing Co.	67	00
Owen P. Fisk	245	00
The Lynch Company, Inc.	195	00
Mansfield Paper Company	223	64
Paris Manufacturing Co.	1172	20
Seamans Supply Company	8	07
Standard Duplicating Machines	200	00
H. P. Welch Company	3	30
	-----	2,585 09

25. Principal of Debt	7,000 00
26. Interest on Debt	1,001 95
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$91,259 03

INSURANCE COVERAGE

2½ Story Brick School	\$51,000 00
Park Street School	6,500 00
Clark School	64,700 00
Contents	8,000 00
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Total Insurance Coverage	\$130,200 00

BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash on hand, June 30, 1955	\$	773	48
Net Debt (excess of liabilities over assets)		50,226	52
Total		—————	\$51,000 00

LIABILITIES

Notes and Bonds Outstanding**	\$51,000	00
Total	—————	\$51,000 00
** Indebtedness, June 30, 1955		
Clark School Additions		\$51,000 00

DOROTHY DAVIS,
KENNETH GOODWIN,
CURTIS WORTHEN,
School Board.

HAROLD C. BOWLEY, Superintendent.

SCHOOL POPULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

It will be noted in the following table of statistics that a deviation from the projected figures of January, 1953, is beginning to show. Entering classes, instead of dropping off after 1956, will hold approximately at present level.

There has been an increase in number of pre-school children, but this one-year figure is not enough to indicate a strong upward trend. There is still a large amount of immigration and emigration and this can cause a change in basic figures.

It is almost certain, however, that elementary school population will have increased by 10 to 15 for the year 1957-58, and by a total of probably 30 to 35 for the year 1958-59. Planning should be started prior to 1957 School Meeting to provide increased staff and space facilities for no later than entering classes of 1958-59, if September 1956 census shows continued growth.

	Total Pre-school	Jan. Estimate Next Grade I	Actual Grade I	Total Grades I-VIII	Total Grades IX-XII	Private Schools
Sept. 1952	202		39	253 (246)	51	8
Jan. 1953			38 (39)	253 (246)	51	
Sept. 1953	210	43 (43)	53 (43)	281 (280)	52 (60)	4
Jan. 1954			57 (43)	294 (280)	52 (60)	
Sept. 1954	202	36 (38)	44 (38)	303 (290)	68 (82)	16
Jan. 1955			41 (38)	292 (290)	68 (82)	18
Sept. 1955	222	39 (31)	39 (31)	289 (300)	60 (84)	22
Jan. 1956			37 (31)	300 (300)	60 (84)	

Sept. 1956	39			
	(36)	(36)	(304)	(98)
Sept. 1957	41*			
	(30)			
Sept. 1958	42*			
	(24)			
Sept. 1959	33*			
Sept. 1960	36*			

*Projection from Census of September 1, 1955

Figures in brackets are those projected in 1952-53 survey.

ELIZABETH G. HALL,
ROLAND K. FRASER.

STATISTICS FOR 1954-1955

Number of half-days in session	354
Whole number of different pupils registered:	
Boys 180; Girls 133	Total 313
Enrollment by grades:	
I-46; II-46; III-43; IV-37; V-45;	
VI-38; VII-33; VIII-25; Total	313
Average daily membership	289.6
Per cent of attendance	94.6
Number not absent nor tardy during school year	35
Number of visits made to schools by:	
Helping Teacher	268
Superintendent of Schools	35
Number of School Board meetings held	12

AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATING FROM MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL — JUNE, 1955

Harry Bartlett	Blanche R. Roy
Preston H. Davis	Alice L. Sliney
Penelope Dunbar	David J. Sliney
Ann M. Hauser	Cynthia Smith
Barbara Herlihy	Rebekah Stenke
Charles H. Levesque	Newton Stockwell
Frederick Vatcher	

**AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATING FROM
EIGHTH GRADE — JUNE, 1955**

Ronald Brown	Sally Howe
Carol Carter	Vivian Jutras
William Cheever	Theodore Kelley
Bernice Cobleigh	Richard LaCourse
Leonard Dean	Sandra Mack
Tyrone Forbes	Doreen McLaughlin
Leon Frye	Richard Pratt
Susan Gidge	Judith Relation
Judith Harding	Charles Rooney
Marian Holland	Evelyn Simonds
John Holt	Betty Smith

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

School Year — 1954-1955

Junior High: Hilda Berwick, Tyrone Forbes, Leon Frye, Pearl Grant, Evelyn Hathaway, Dennis Holland, Marion Holland, Vivian Jutras, Judith Keane, Donald Kelley, Theodore Kelley, John Liljeberg, Sandra Mack, Stephen Noble, David Stevens, Elizabeth Taborne, William Young, Judy Page.

Grade VI: Carol Blair, Herbert Harding, Dale Hathaway, Charles Michie, Merton Piper.

Grade V: Martha Grundel, Duane Curtis, Richard Merrill.

Grade IV: Helen Holland, Gloria Stevens, James Batchelder, Gary Frye.

Grade III: Tommy Hartshorn, William Martel, Stuart Michie.

Grade II: Kenneth Hartshorn.

Grade I: Stephen Curtis.

AMHERST TUITION PUPILS 1955-1956

GRADE XII

Avis Boutelle	Eleanor Huntington
Judith Eaton	Elizabeth Murray
Carl Fraser	Carol O'Connor
Edward French	Diane Page
Mildred Holland	William Sweezey
Winona Holland	Gerald Wilkins

GRADE XI

Joseph Anderson	Kay Hauser
Richard Arnold	Patricia Herlihy
Hazel Bartlett	Carol Marsh
Richard Brown	Sally Spooner
Marion Flandreau	Patricia Stockwell
Barry Hammond	Georgia Noyes

GRADE X

William Batchelder	Gertrude Lenane
Crystal Burgess	Ronald Marsh
Carolyn Davis	Linda Merrill
Anne Marie Dube	Choral Murray
A. Ronald Frye	Gordon Murray
Ethelyn Grant	Arthur Nichols
Marilyn Green	Ronald Piper
John Hanlon	Jane Rooney
Clematis Jones	Elizabeth Seamans
Dirke Le May	John Sweeney

GRADE IX

Ronald Brown	John Holt
Carol Carter	Sally Howe
William Cheever	Vivian Jutras
Bernice Cobleigh	Theodore Kelley
Leonard Dean	Sandra Mack
Tyrone Forbes	Doreen McLaughlin
Leon Frye	Richard Pratt
Pearl Grant	Judith Relation
Richard Grant	Charles Roonev
Judith Harding	Evelyn Simonds
Marion Holland	

RETURN OF SCHOOL CENSUS

September 1955

Mrs. Dorothy Davis, Enumerator

	Age as of Sept. 1, 1955	Total	Boys	Girls	Attending Public School	Attending Private or Parochial School
Under	1	40	18	22		
	1	33	15	18		
	2	37	14	23		
	3	51	32	19		
	4	32	18	14		
	5	40	24	16	10	
	6	39	22	17	39	
	7	39	24	15	39	
	8	43	24	19	43	
	9	31	17	14	31	
	10	44	22	22	43	1
	11	38	19	19	37	1
	12	40	26	14	39	1
	13	29	17	12	26	2
	14	25	11	14	22	3
	15	23	10	13	19	2
	16	22	10	12	16	4
	17	15	6	9	7	2
	18	15	6	9	1	2
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Totals		636	335	301	372	18

TEACHERS (1955-56)

Name of Teacher	Subject or Grade Taught	Experience Here	Total Experience
Boutelle, Charlotte	Grade IV	30	32
Brown, Rachel (Mrs.)	Grade I	5½	9
DeLacey, Lionel	Grades V-VI	3	3
Gagnon, Eva (Mrs.)	Grade V	1	10
Greenhalgh, Sarah (Mrs.)	Grade II	7	11
Heath, Nancy	Grades VII-VIII	1	1
Kittredge, Elma	Grades III-IV	5	11
Knight, Wilene	Grade VI	1	1
McGee, Mary	Grade III	11	17
Paire, Dorothy	Grades I-II	3½	17
Rockwell, Everett	Principal, Grades VII-VIII	2	8
Sinkervitch, Romuald	Grades VII-VIII	1	2
Wheeler, Elsie F.	Music, Grades I-VIII	22	24

SALARIES — 1954-55

a. Superintendent

State's Share		\$2500 00
Local Share:		
Amherst	\$ 661 20	
Brookline	235 60	
Hollis	600 40	
Milford	2124 20	
Mont Vernon	178 60	
	-----	3800 00
		\$6300 00

b. Helping Teacher

State's Share		\$2500 00
Local Share:		
Amherst	\$295 80	
Brookline	105 40	
Hollis	268 60	
Milford	950 30	
Mont Vernon	79 90	
	-----	1700 00
		\$4200 00

ENROLLMENT TABLE AS OF JANUARY 16, 1956

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Grade I	27								27
Grade I	13								13
Grade II		12							12
Grade II		29							29
Grade III			31						31
Grade III			15						15
Grade IV				10					10
Grade IV				28					28
Grade V					27				27
Grade V					8				8
Grade VI						14			14
Grade VI						29			29
Grade VII							35		35
Grade VIII								22	22
Totals	40	41	46	38	35	43	35	22	300
Boys	24	23	32	18	21	18	24	13	173
Girls	16	18	14	20	14	25	11	9	127

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION — 1954-55

Oscar Burns, M.D., School Physician

Mrs. Virginia Gill, R.N., School Nurse

The Total Number of Children Examined: 235

The following defects, treatments and corrections
were reported:

	Defects	Pupils Receiving Treatment
Defective tonsils & Adenoids	16	7
Defective teeth	29	26
Cardiac Disease	1	1
Orthopedic	2	2
Defective Vision	5	3
Defective Hearing	4	1
Defective Skin	2	2
Defective Scalp	1	1

Parents were informed of all the above cases.

Diseases Reported:

Measles	48
Mumps	13
Pediculosis	4
Impetigo	4

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1955

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Names and Station of Person Officiating</i>
1954		
Dec. 31, Canada	Antoni Galinski Irene Szczechowicz	Magistrate J. C. Dunlah
1955		
Jan. 15, Manchester	Joseph Walter Lesiak	Charles H. Barnard
	Virginia Frances Newton	Clergyman
Apr. 6, Amherst	Walter Matti Matson, Jr.	Catherine A. Kruger
	Mary Helen Ashford	Justice of the Peace
May 8, Amherst	Walter Raymond Truesdell	Frank M. Weiskel
	Hazel Cleveland Milne	Clergyman
May 14, Amherst	Frederick Roy Cook	Herrnon W. Anderson
	Sammie Lovine Lawrence	Justice of the Peace
May 22, Mt. Vernon	William Wesley Clough	LeRoy W. Stringfellow
	Barbara Louise Noyes	Clergyman
June 19, Amherst	Joseph Raymond Charette	Catherine A. Kruger
	Rita Theresa Kinville	Justice of the Peace
June 25, Amherst	Robert Leroy Bell	Frank M. Weiskel
	Elizabeth Janette Worden	Clergyman
June 26, Dublin	Charles Francis Mayhew	J. S. Holland
	Rebekah Mary Stenke	Clergyman
July 2, Milford	Nonnand R. Roy	Francis Hogan
	Margie Lucille Jackson	Priest
July 13, Amherst	Herman Carlisle Earle	Kendall B. Burgess
	Doris Madelyn Moody	Clergyman
July 16, Jaffrey	Robert A. Davis	John A. McSweeney
	Laura Ann Pelkey	Priest
July 29, Amherst	Hubert John Simons	Catherine A. Kruger
	Joan Elizabeth Blair	Justice of the Peace
Aug. 6, Amherst	Ralph William Lorette	Frank M. Weiskel
	Adrienne Goodale	Clergyman
Sept. 10, Amherst	Roger Gaylord Anderson	Harold R. Anderson
	Virginia Leah Fitch	Clergyman
Sept. 10, Milford	John Oldfield Condon	Thomas Savage
	Nanette Whipple Foss	Priest
Sept. 15, Merrimack	Willard Howard Parker	John E. LeBosquett
	Myrtle B. McDevitt	Clergyman
Sept. 24, Hudson	Donald Alfred Mack	Howard B. Ford, Jr.
	Shirley May Parker	Clergyman
Oct. 22, Amherst	Carl Alfred Wilson	Frank M. Weiskel
	Barbara Jane Adams	Clergyman
Oct. 22, Hudson	Veto Julius Jazel	John E. Baker
	Mary Theresa Kudalis	Justice of the Peace
Nov. 4, Milford	Bernard Edmund Grant, Sr.	Herbert E. Brockner
	Ginette Holden	Clergyman
Nov. 19, Milford	Horace Eber Dean, Jr.	Ernest M. Jones
	Margaret Ora Williamson	Clergyman

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1955

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name of Mother</i>
1955			
Jan. 3, Nashua	Kim Barbara	Donald Pearce Huckabee	Marjorie Ann Spillman
Feb. 14, Nashua	Susan May	Raymond Leon Roby	Shirley Lillian Hubley
Feb. 14, Nashua	Sandra Jean	Raymond Leon Roby	Shirley Lillian Hubley
Feb. 20, Nashua	Joseph Frank, Jr.	Joseph Frank Bathalon	Kathleen Arlene Hubley
Feb. 21, Manchester	James Harry	Walter Harry Bildberg	Charlotte Irene Clang
Feb. 23, Nashua	Paula Louise	James Lomer Walker, Sr.	Pauline Evelyn Bly
Mar. 9, Goffstown	Alice Louise	Clarence William Davis	Pauline Louise Hobart
Mar. 12, Manchester	Leslie Ann	Ralph Emerson Smith, Jr.	Arlene Ruth Pestana
Mar. 21, Nashua	Helen Marie	John Timothy Schappert	Cartha Hester Morton
Apr. 5, Manchester	James Bradford	Bradford Locke Foote	Lois Ann Brown
Apr. 7, Nashua	Jeffrey Arthur	Charles Arthur Foote	Jane Alice Frederick
Apr. 12, Nashua	Susan May	Robert Hunt Currier	Arlene Mayo Kageyama
Apr. 13, Nashua	Carl Orrin	Robert James Worcester	Ruth Ellen Turner
Apr. 16, Manchester	Ellen Mary	Edward Thomas Threlfall	Frances Catherine Thompson
Apr. 27, Nashua	Gynthia Helene	Maynard Neil Charron	Helen Datz
May 12, Nashua	Roger Leonard	Harold Rustad Anderson	Elsie Christine Parelus
May 17, Nashua	Clifford Clayton	Albert Herbert Fixley	Constance Edith Daggett
July 8, Hanover	John Deane	Deane Mayfield Freeman, Jr.	Joan Kingsbury Conc
July 26, Nashua	Glen Alan	Ralph Carl Schult	Betty Louise Stow
Aug. 15, Nashua	Bruce Stephen	Lawrence Allen Carlsmith	Dorothy Ann Libby
Aug. 30, Manchester	Elizabeth Allen	Daniel Allen Belknap	Helen Marie Kullman
Sept. 4, Nashua	Bruce	Maurice Dickstein	Rita Justine Souriolle
Sept. 8, Nashua	Thomas James	Raymond Lucien Desmarais	Leora Ella Haight
Sept. 20, Goffstown	Terry Lloyd	Leroy Chester Bishop	Beverly June Wood
Sept. 26, Ayer, Mass.	Josephine Coster	Pierre Eric Martin	Gertrude Livingston Whitall
Sept. 27, Fitchburg, Mass.			
Oct. 7, Nashua	Frank Arnold, Jr.	Frank Arnold Reid	Mabel V. Durrell
Oct. 14, Goffstown	Susan Marietta	Robert Cowles Davis	Anna Woodbury
Oct. 22, Nashua	Richard John, Jr.	Richard John Elliott	Mary Louise Bouney
Nov. 5, Manchester	Kenneth Charles	Charles Wainwright Stickney	Edith May Bartlett
Nov. 5, Manchester	James	Richard Charles Rosswaag	Margaret Mae Melanson
Nov. 7, Nashua	Timothy	Richard Charles Rosswaag	Margaret Mae Melanson
Nov. 28, Nashua	Giselle Linda	William Arthur Jenkins	Vivianne Eva Bouchard
Nov. 29, Manchester	Frederick Leslie	Frederick Alphonse Carkin	Virginia May Miner
Nov. 29, Manchester	Catherine Elizabeth	Robert Daniel Courtney	Jessie Maude Sweeney
Dec. 1, Nashua	Donna Lee Marie	Donald Douglas Poirier	Leona Juliette Rioux
Dec. 15, Nashua	Rose Marie	Roy Harlan Hill	Margaretha Erna Heck
Dec. 29, Nashua	Andrew Palmer	Richard A. Smith	Mary-Ann Marsh
Dec. 1954			
Oct. 4, Nashua	Kenneth Miller	Arthur James Rafter	Virginia Miller
Dec. 9, Nashua	Mary Elizabeth	Joseph Paul Garcia	Joan Carroll Parker

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1955

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name of Mother</i>
1955				
Jan. 5, Nashua	Ernest H. Peaslee	78	William S. Peaslee	Ellen Holbrook
Feb. 21, Amherst	Frederica Ferritti	87	Gerome Casassa	U/K
Mar. 9, Milford	Paul Miksha	62	Mattias Miksha	U/K
Mar. 26, Amherst	Mathilda F. Peterson	79	Sven Peterson	Eliza Ash
Mar. 28, Penna.	Rev. Peter Wiseman	73	James Wiseman	Hannah R. Merrow
Apr. 16, Nottingham	Cora A. Thomas	79	William L. Merrow	Georgianna Spicer
Apr. 22, Nashua	Josephine W. Hare	75	Levi D. Watson	Emilie Atwood
May 14, Amherst	Mary Whitther Heath	85	Henry N. Witcher	Irene Lemper
May 15, Amherst	William Edward Quinn	21	Mathew Quinn	Mary T. Kingston
May 22, Amherst	William Francis Norton	25	Frederick A. Norton	U/K
June 15, Amherst	Sadie Mary Putnam	48	James Elsminger	Clara Poor
June 19, Amherst	Harlan Ernest Shedd	74	Charles H. Shedd	Philomenia Cheever
June 21, Nashua	Sarah Elizabeth Caldwell	87	Edward A. Caldwell	Sarah Poirer
June 22, Concord	Marie Chilson	80	Paul Bonville	
June 30, Boston, Mass.	John W. Holden	41	Anassa Holden	Mary Emma Barnes
July 6, Amherst	Grace P. Mason	80	Joseph L. Pearl	Hannah Stevens
July 13, Amherst	Elizabeth Mary Dunn	80	Gideon Desilete	Ogile Beaulieu
July 21, Amherst	Erud James Foote	69	Thomas Foote	Annie Lamb
Aug. 3, Wilton	Ethel F. Putnam	81	George H. Putnam	Rebecca K. Shepard
Aug. 20, Goffstown	George T. Gilmore	75	George Gilmore	Abbie Butterfield
Sept. 7, Amherst	Effie DeLong Blair	86	John DeLong	U/K
Sept. 8, Amherst	Janet MacIntosh Winey	71	David MacIntosh	Mary Whitelaw
Sept. 29, Boston, Mass.	Frank Arnold Reid, Jr.	12dys	Frank Arnold Reid, Sr.	Mabel V. Durrell
Sept. 30, Amherst	Eva F. Tibbetts	182	William J. Peach	Sarah E. Stone
Oct. 13, Amherst	Alphonse D'ichard	76	Jean Baptiste D'ichard	Agnie Chasse
Oct. 22, Amherst	Emil Olsen	76	U/K	U/K
Oct. 25, Nashua	Albert Alden Blodgett	73	Benjamin Frank Blodgett	Roxanna Bragg
Nov. 22, Amherst	William Joseph Broderick	86	Thomas Broderick	Bridget Finerty
Dec. 20, Amherst	Richard William Weston	60	William L. Weston	Lettie E. Kemp

Brought From Away and Buried in Town

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Cemetery</i>
1955			
Jan. 5, New Bern, N. C.	Frank Howard Mowry	76	Meadowview
Jan. 5, Scranton, Pa.	Francis J. Buckley	66	St. Patrick's
Jan. 10, Nashua	Alida E. Seaverns	86	Meadowview
Jan. 13, Milford	Eugene S. Byrd	80	Meadowview
Feb. 5, Concord	Bertha Irene Field	56	Meadowview
Feb. 17, Nashua	Baby Boy Garnham		St. Patrick's
Feb. 19, Nashua	Jennie Marie Twiss	78	Meadowview
Mar. 9, Franklin	Margaret Haley	89	St. Patrick's
Mar. 15, Benton	Melvin A. Chase	69	St. Patrick's
Mar. 18, Milford	Marion R. Flood	75	St. Patrick's
Mar. 20, Concord	Bernice Field	37	Meadowview
Mar. 26, Hampton Beach	Paul Emerson Staples	52	Meadowview
Mar. 28, Milford	Bernard Lawrence O'Connell	61	St. Patrick's
Apr. 2, Nashua	Dennis Francis Mahoney	69	St. Patrick's
Apr. 3, Nashua	John Deschamps	83	St. Patrick's
May 2, Lowell, Mass.	Annie T. McDermott	79	St. Patrick's
May 13, Sanbornton	Charles A. Scully	48	St. Patrick's
May 24, Keene	William V. C. Hall	48	Meadowview
May 27, Lynn, Mass.	Hattie A. Phillips	86	Meadowview
July 7, New London	Elmer E. Bennett	37	Meadowview
July 8, Worcester, Mass.	Grace R. Moor	78	Meadowview
Aug. 6, Portsmouth	John William Mitchell	76	Meadowview
Aug. 24, Milford	Agnes Ellen Boutwell	56	St. Patrick's
Sept. 4, Meredith	Ella Frances Jaques	78	Meadowview
Sept. 17, Milford	Domonico Sacco	88	St. Patrick's
Sept. 26, Nashua	William Patrick Buckley	76	St. Patrick's
Sept. 30, Boston, Mass.	Fred Buckley	79	St. Patrick's
Oct. 28, Manchester	Brigid A. Clarkin	69	St. Patrick's
Nov. 12, Lawrence, Mass.	Flora M. Heath McKinley	76	Meadowview
Nov. 19, So. Braintree, Mass.	Edwin Loring Burnham	43	Meadowview
Nov. 23, Nashua	Peter Joseph Gogan	54	St. Patrick's
Nov. 27, Lawrence, Mass.	Annie B. Taylor	90	Cricket Corner
1923			
Dec. 2, Winthrop	John Bartlett Piper		Meadowview

Vital Statistics of a Town are one of its most important records, not merely for today, but for generations to come. If everyone would see to it that the records of their own families were fully and correctly filled out on Marriage, Birth, and Death certificates, it might be of great help in making out the records of today.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Town Clerk

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Amherst, N. H.:

I herewith submit my annual report as Health Officer for the year ending January 1, 1956.

The work as Health Officer during the past year has been very much the same as usual.

The numerous unfounded complaints and infringements on the rights of others remains as usual with the exception of one or two legal cases which required appearance in court.

The area on Route 101A from the Amherst line to South Merrimack is building up rapidly and does require quite a little attention and consultation.

Baboosic Lake Region demands for the past year did require considerable supervision — many trips were made to the lake as result of complaints i.e., the town dump where advantage of the caretaker had been taken during his absence.

The dump had been used for the disposal of every thing including waste paper, junk, swill, etc., etc.

The dump is cared for as well as could be expected and a full-time caretaker would be certainly out of the question.

Last fall the Fish and Game department of the State for some reason or other killed all the fish in the lake (non-sensible) and then left thousands of dead fish on the shore (literally thousands).

After protest from this department the State did remove truck-loads of dead fish from the shore.

This procedure by the Fish and Game department is an example of conflicting rules of the Public Health Laws and the legal demands as outlined by the State.

It has once more been brought to view — our Annual Swamp Road Settlement — and in this connection any legal advice or law which has teeth sufficient to remedy the situation would be greatly appreciated.

All reportable diseases are taken care of in an excellent manner, through the cooperation of the school nurse and the doctors in attendance.

The many phone calls and travel connected with this office are unnoticed by the public, but they are numerous.

It is, and has been, a pleasure to act in the capacity of Health Officer. Cooperation from all concerned has been all that could be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR BURNS, M.D.,
Health Officer.

February 20, 1956.

